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flash BACK

After establishing dual citizenship in the United States and Israel, '62 Shaker graduate David Berger joined the Israeli weightlifting team. However, while competing in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, Berger was one of 11 athletes killed by Arab terrorists, primarily from Libya, who invaded the city.

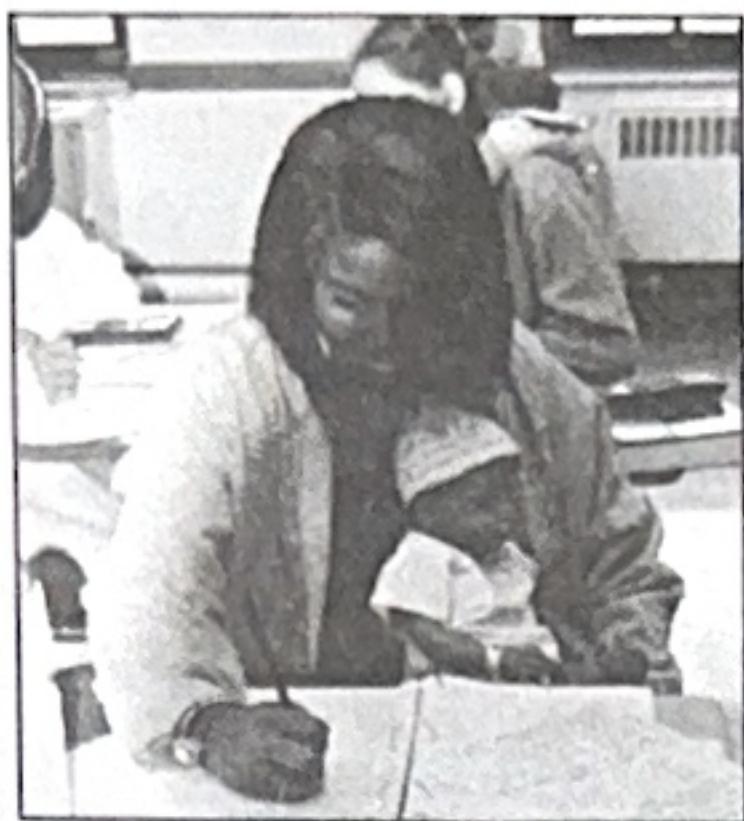
The Games were suspended for just one day, though many felt they should have been called off completely. Others thought that to end them would be giving in to the terrorists.

Shaker's weight room is dedicated to Berger and his athleticism; a plaque in his honor hangs there.



David Berger

Jenny Heiskler



Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite
These new babies are equipped with a complex computer system.

Big money for babies

• School invests \$300 per baby to make simulation more realistic

By Jenny Heiskler and Anahid Thompson
Co-editors in chief

Waaaaah! Waaaaah!

No, this school has not been invaded by the class of 2015. The Family and Consumer Sciences program has recently been granted \$300 per baby for its Child Development class.

"This is more realistic," Family and Consumer Sciences

teacher Ellen Huminsky said of the new, more advanced babies.

In this country, 50 percent of teenage mothers do not graduate. This three day course is designed to teach students to make well thought-out decisions based on the experience of three day child rearing.

"I think it's a good idea because it lets kids realize what having a baby is really like," said

sophomore Cristin Wood, a participant in the simulation. "You can give this baby back but you can't give a real one back."

The 6.5 lb., 20 inch long babies are the most up to date simulators available on the market, made by Baby Think It Over. The infants have a complex computer system that registers when the baby is fed, changed, rocked,

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No more sleeping in study hall

• Principal enforces end to Zs policy

By Meredith Edwards
Staff Reporter

As a sophomore, Brandon Rae strolled into study hall room 253B once a day, grabbing his supplies, strategically placing his back-pack, and went to work.

"I would grab six or eight chairs, make a quaint little bed and it was night-night for Brandon Rae!"

It may be a good thing that Brandon, now a junior, no longer has study hall because due to the enforcement of a new school policy, sleeping in study halls is no longer permitted.

Principal Michael Griffith presented this policy to all of the teachers at the first school faculty meeting. Griffith stated that the policy was made because

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Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite

Principal Michael Griffith introduced a no sleeping in study hall policy to the faculty at the first teachers' meeting of the year. Seems like junior Matt Ratner is having trouble abiding by this new rule.

Wave of theft hits Shaker students

• Despite waning crime statistics, students report burglaries

By Joseph Tartakoff
News Co-editor

Senior Olympia Colizoli was bewildered. After driving her grandmother back from the airport she expected to see her 1989 gray Oldsmobile on Van Aken Boulevard, right where she had parked it. But it wasn't there.

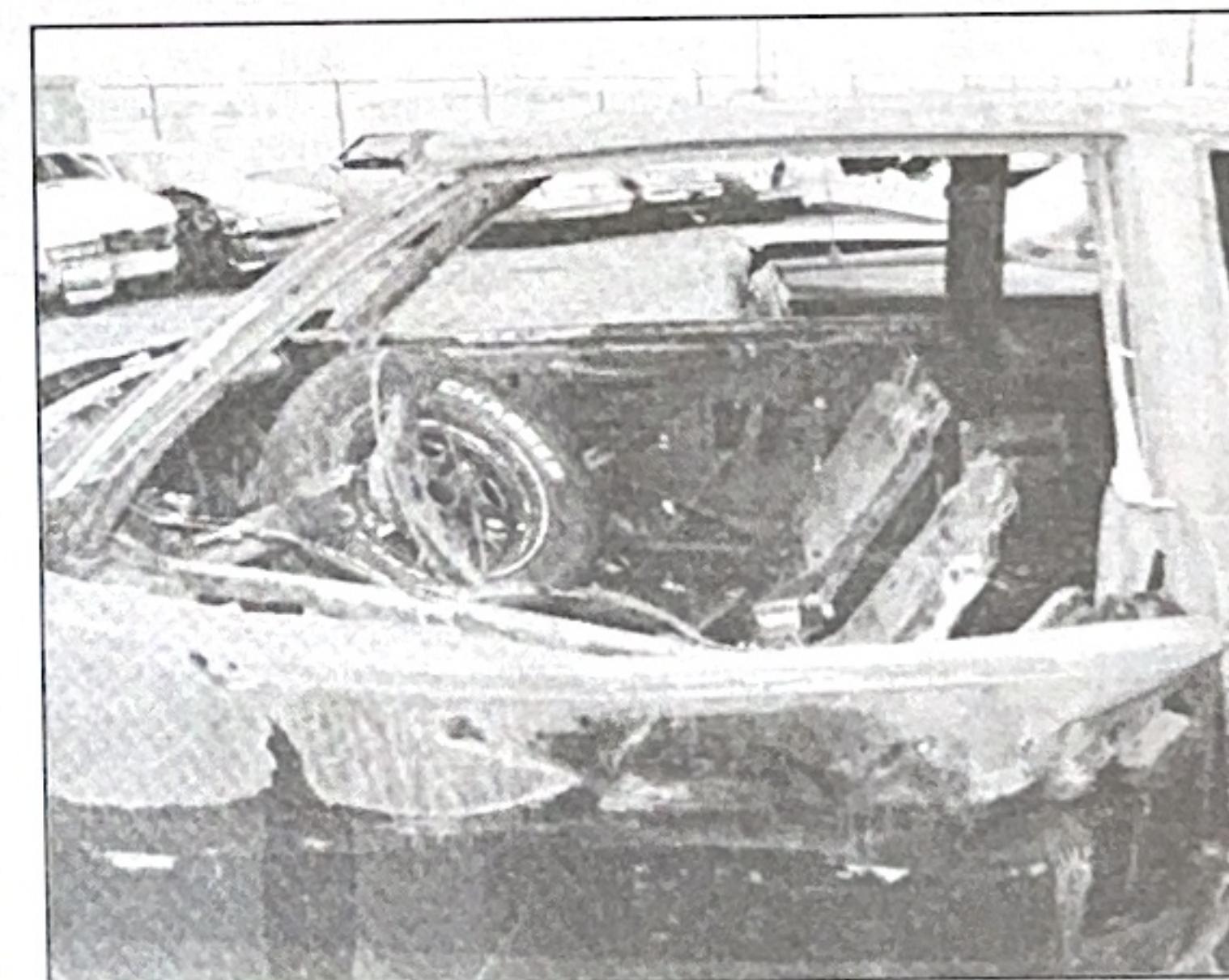
"It was just gone. I filed a police report, and that Thursday (Aug. 31) they found it stripped and burned in Cleveland," she said.

"It was just cruel. Not only did they steal it, but they burned it, too. I didn't have insurance, and I don't know who did it. It just doesn't make sense," Colizoli added.

If you believe the statistics, crime is waning nationally and locally. But if you talk to some unlucky Shaker students, those statistics seem to lie. From car theft to burglaries, summer vacation included trips to the police station as students and their families reported their losses.

Senior Scott Green's home was burglarized and his car stolen in late August.

"A man came in through my



Got a match? The remains of this scorched car resemble the car stolen from Olympia Colizoli this month. Colizoli's car was found abandoned and burnt.

back door, and went to my basement, and stole my Playstation and Dreamcast. He then picked up my car keys that were lying around and drove away," Green said.

Police recovered the car a week later in Maple Heights, Green said.

According to the Sun Press, a suspect in the case, Larry McGowan, was arrested Aug. 23. McGowan is suspected in at least

15 other car thefts and burglaries, several of which took place in Shaker.

Thieves didn't draw the line at four-wheeled vehicles over the summer. Sophomore Carlos Piepenburg's bike was stolen.

"My dad was putting a new door on the garage in early August. During the evening, therefore, the garage was totally open. Somebody came in and stole my bike and two of my dad's. They

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Shaker Square spends \$22.5 M to renovate

• Historic shopping center gets a face lift

By Leonicia Barry
Staff reporter

"I just want my Arabica back." In six short words, junior Theresa May summed up her feelings about the renovation of Shaker Square.

Gone are The Antiquarian Bookstore, Market on the Square and Arabica Coffee Shop, three of the independent business that previously dominated the square.

Food for the table and for thought will now come from franchise stores. Organic/gourmet grocer Wild Oats Market will take up residence next to the restored Colony Theater, and Joseph-Beth Booksellers will move into the old Stouffer's space. The bookstore will occupy 36,000 square feet and include a 100-seat "Bronte Cafe."

The \$22.5 million renewal of the nation's second oldest shopping center, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has brought mixed reactions from Shaker students and square employees.

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Griffith fares well in student assessment

- At midterm, students pause to evaluate the progress of their new principal. The verdict? So far, so good

By Jennifer Broadbent
News Co-editor

It is progress report day for everyone, including Principal Michael Griffith.

Most students would agree five weeks don't tell you much about how things will eventually wind up, but so far students seem to be pleased with their new leader.

"I think it is a really powerful thing [that he is in the hallways]. He reminds me a lot of the principal from the movie *Lean On Me*," said junior Tandra Faison. "He is very intellectual and asks you questions in the hall. One day he came up to me and said, 'What are you here for and where are you going?' It was nice that he asked about my future. He is very positive."

Senior Jessica Payne agrees that it is positive to see her principal around school.

"He came into my government class and my English class. He can check up on students and see how they are responding to certain teachers," she said.

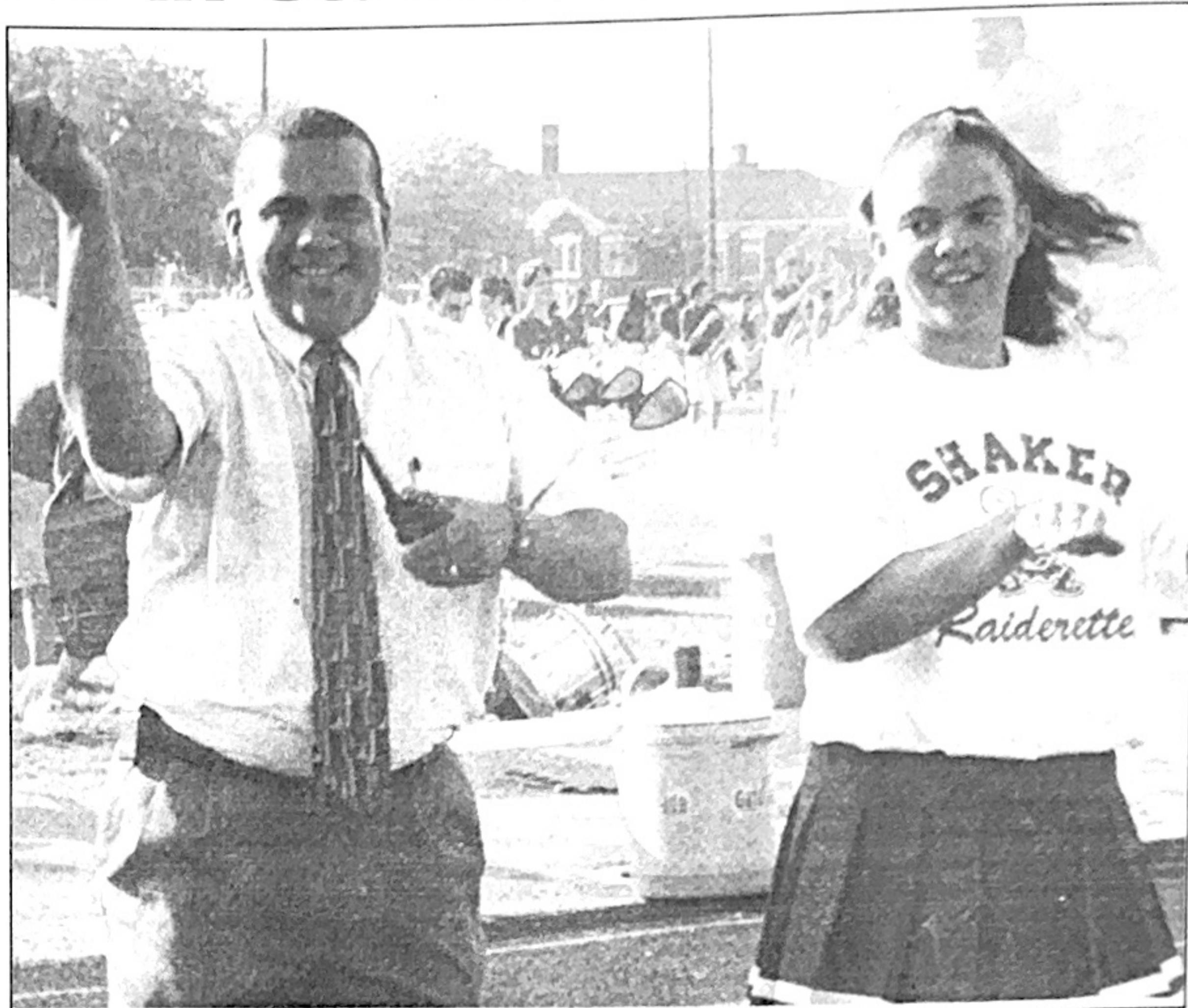
Students such as David Stone don't like some of the policies that have coincided with Griffith's arrival.

"I've not met him personally but he seems like he is going to be a good principal. I don't like the new attendance policy, but I hope it is just for the better," he said.

"He seems like he is really eager, trying to make changes to the school for the better. But I think sometimes those changes aren't in the best interest of the students," sophomore Jamiyah Motaabbed said.

Matt Lesueur, a junior, enjoyed playing hacky sack with Griffith on the front lawn during lunch.

"He was walking around, managing the outside, and someone asked him to join our hacky sack circle. At first he said, 'No,' but then he joined in. He's no star at hacky sack but he really makes the effort to get to know the students," Lesueur said.



Principal Michael Griffith dances with the Raiderettes and the marching band during the pep rally Sept. 8. Griffith is dancing next to Raiderette Allyson Weaver, a senior. So far Griffith's first few weeks at the high school have gone smoothly.

David Mayers/The Shakerite

You snooze, you lose - valuable study time says principal

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cause of complaints made by previous study hall teachers, who voiced their concerns about students using their time recreationally. The new policy is to simply ensure that students are using their time productively, by mentally simulating their brains. However, he did acknowledge that kids do work at night, and sometimes sleep is needed, and because of this, there will be no "punishment" to enforce this policy.

If a teacher notices a student who continuously breaks the

rule, the student will most likely be referred to their counselor.

Despite the efforts to cut down on snoring, some students continue to snooze. Most are not even aware that this new policy has been made.

Sophomore Ben Reynolds walks into his second period study hall, once a day, plopping his book bag down, and, in his words "prepares for the day." His preparation? Closing his eyes and drifting off into dreamland. Ben has yet to be told about this new rule, however he, along with others doubt that it will be easy to enforce, because it is not a big



"I just put my book bag in front of my head, and go to sleep."

BEN REYNOLDS
sophomore

distraction. "I just put my book bag in front of my head, and go to sleep."

Most students feel very adamantly that this new policy is un-

fair, and that sleeping does in fact benefit them in their studies throughout the day.

"I think that it's a bad idea because a lot of times students are so busy that they don't get enough rest. So,

if all of their priorities are handled, then why not catch up on some rest?" asked senior Jamie Karout.

However, tenth period study

hall instructor Kenneth Culek does feel that the policy will be beneficial.

He feels that just a little "encouragement" is needed "and more people will take advantage of the time." Once the policy is enforced, he thinks that the issue will dissipate, because it will force students to learn time management.

Sophomore Brandon Cabaniss agrees with Culek.

"I think that this rule is great, because kids can get their work done. Although, you may have more behavior problems in the class."

Dress code violators and opponents abound

By Jennifer Broadbent
News Co-editor

The enforcement of the dress code this year has had students and faculty questioning where to draw the line on school attire.

In a letter sent home to all high school parents Principal Michael Griffith wrote, "no undergarments are to be visible. No strapless, backless, or tank top clothing is permitted. Hats, scarves, headbands, coats, outerwear and tennis attire are not appropriate."

"Staff and students have come up to me to talk about the code," said Griffith.

Some students disagree with the code. "I don't think it [the code] is fair because if our parents let us buy it and wear it, then the school shouldn't have a problem with what we wear," said junior Kyleesha Taylor.

Senior Anthony Musso felt the same way. "I think it is a little bit strict. It's kind of the same as last year but it wasn't enforced," he said.

Lyndon Brooks, a sophomore, feels that students should get to wear what they want. "I don't think the code is right because I think everyone has the right to wear whatever they choose to in the morning," he said. A memo to all faculty members outlined the procedure for enforcing the dress code.

Teachers are to ask students to correct simple violations. If needed teachers are to refer students to his or her assistant principal. According to the memo, "if a student's dress is beyond help, he or she will be asked to change at home."

Griffith said that he doesn't like the current structure of the dress code. Griffith also said that students are at school for academics, not to

worry about the width of straps on someone's shirt.

"The code doesn't respect the fact that you are young adults. Lets go to class and learn," said Griffith.

However, several students feel that the code is just in its regulations. "I think they have to set some sort of guidelines or else it would be out of control," said freshman Hallie Dietsch.

Junior Dallas Reed said that females violating the dress code can sometimes be distracting. "I can't take notes if there is a fine girl with some outfit on. I'm not going to be watching the teacher, I'm going to be watching the girl," he said.

For Reed's and others' concerns, a meeting to discuss the dress code was held on September 22. The group consisted of students, student council members, a PTO representative and faculty. They discussed guidelines for what is and what isn't appropriate school attire. They also said all teachers and staff members should follow the same guidelines to determine when to send a student home and when not.

"For high school students at this point, it shouldn't be the same as going to the beach or to a picnic," said teacher Mary McGovern.

PTO representative Glenda Keenen agreed. "Education deserves more respect than it has in the past years," she said.

Student Council President Amy Gross said, "I think we definitely got a lot accomplished. It was really great that Mr. Griffith included the students because at other schools it would probably just be the teachers making these decisions."

There will be a future meeting for more discussion and possible revision of the dress code.

Lorain has new principal problems

By Amy Broadbent
Staff Reporter

While Shaker students struggle to grasp the new emphasis on the dress code, the first few weeks with a new principal at Lorain's Admiral King High School led to student protests and complaints that administrators don't respect students.

New Admiral King principal Anthony Cassano is known for his success at Woodrow Wilson High School in Youngstown. Both high schools have similar demographics and are in urban areas.

Admiral King students believe Cassano made new rules about gathering in groups and carrying backpacks. School officials claim to be enforcing preexisting rules.

Shaker sophomore Kate Whitney doesn't believe that the same tense situation could happen here. "The rules at Shaker were already being enforced, but things like the dress code when enforced make people upset."

Admiral King senior Anthony Capizzi was suspended for not standing during the Pledge of Allegiance.

One hundred students protested Capizzi's suspension and the new policies Sept. 14.



Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite
When hot weather comes, students like this one enjoy wearing tank tops banned by the current dress code. The code also says no undergarments are to show.

Students are victims of crime

- Stories of summer thefts lead to crime preventive measures

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took my bike and two of my dad's. They did leave my sister's. It definitely was not cool," he said.

Piepenburg, an Onaway resident, estimated that the bikes were worth more than \$500 altogether.

Sophomore Matt Evans' bike met a similar fate over the summer.

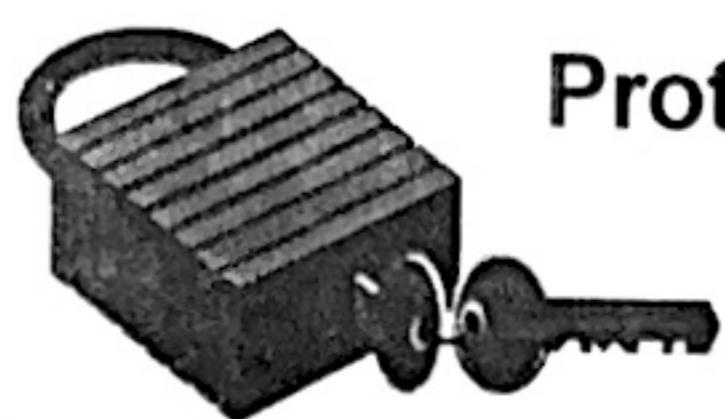
"I was at Panera, eating with some friends. I locked my bike to a tree and didn't return for an hour and a half. When I got back, it was gone," he said.

"The police said there was little chance of recovering it because it wasn't licensed," Evans said.

Despite the wave of crime stories sweeping the high school hallways, Shaker Heights Police Chief Michael Ugrinic dismisses any notion that crime is on the rise.

"Crime is down this year compared to last year. In fact, bike theft is down 50 percent, although the number of car thefts increased slightly," he said.

Even traveling Shaker stu-



Protecting YOUR Possessions

Protecting Your Car - a car is stolen every 20 seconds in the US

- always lock your car, even if it's in front of your home
- keep the keys to your home and car separate
- avoid parking in isolated areas with little foot or auto traffic
- be especially alert in unstaffed lots and enclosed parking garages
- consider purchasing a cell phone to make it easier to summon help in an emergency
- never leave your keys in the car or ignition

Protecting Your Home - one out of 10 homes will be burglarized this year in the US

- make sure every external door has a sturdy, well installed dead bolt lock
- if your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them
- instead of hiding keys outside your home, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust
- ask local law enforcement for a free home security survey
- when you move into a new house or apartment re-key the locks

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dents were not immune. Sophomore Tim Archer lost a four-legged creature to theft while on vacation at his North Carolina home.

"We were out one day, and when we came back our dog, Max, was gone. Because he was kept in a fenced yard and never returned, we determined that he

was stolen," Archer said. "Max was pretty cool and definitely the nicest dog you would have ever seen," he said.

Shaker square renovation comes to a close

SQUARE

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Gene Veronesi, owner of Shaker Square Beverages, which has been at the Square for 65 years, said that the place needed "new life."

"Shaker Square is going to be much prettier and truly an up-to-date shopping center," Veronesi said.

Sophomore Laurie O'Neill is excited about the new stores coming to the Square.

"I heard that there was going to be a Gap in there, but I'm not sure," O'Neil said.

In fact, The Gap will be moving in, in early spring. On the clothing front, woman's retailers Ann Taylor and Chico's will be tenants by Jan. 1. According to Adam Fishman and Randy Ruttenberg, of Center Point Properties the vast majority of the stores will be open by Christmas. Urban Gear and Mu-

"I just can't wait until everything is done so I can go shopping,"

JENNIFER MORRIS
junior

sic has already moved in.

"I just can't wait until everything is done so I can go shopping," said junior Jennifer Morris.

Freshman Wells Brown said, "the movie theater will be better and there will be better stores so I will probably go there more."

Sophomore Sharif Akram rarely went to Shaker Square before the renovation. "I went to Yours Truley a lot but that was about it," he said.

But this excitement and anticipation has not come without a price. Since last spring,

when the renovation began, students have had to put up with the hassles of construction.

"I'm sick and tired of the one lane all around the Square, and there is no parking," said junior Ashlee Hill.

"It used to be dirty and it probably still will be dirty," said Andrew Smith, sophomore.

Freshman Mike Amadio sees



The Colony Theater will re-open by December, as Shaker Square Cinemas.

both sides in the renovation.

"There are negatives and positives to everything. On one hand we get a better place to shop and hang out, and on the

other hand we lose the little shops we couldn't find anywhere else," he said.

Junior Nicole Williams contributed to this report.

Baby boom hits Shaker classes

BABIES

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shaken, abused or neglected.

Every time the baby's head tilts back because its neck is not being properly supported the baby cries. Students must touch a key to the infant to decipher what they need or why they are crying.

There is a computer chip on the baby's diaper that records when the diaper needs to be changed, one fo the babies shakes every so often because it is addicted to crack/cocaine. This provides an even more sobering experience for the brave surrogate parent who wants to accept that challenge.

"It cries a lot," said Wood. "I didn't know what was wrong with it so I did everything to get

it to stop crying."

So why the need for these technically advanced computer chipped babies that cry from hunger, wet their diaper and need to be rocked, in school? Huminsky feels that these high-tech babies will better demonstrate to students the responsibility child rearing entails.

"These are permanent reminders of temporary feelings," she said.

"You have to make a decision for what is right for you. As a teacher is it my job to provide you with the facts," Huminsky said.

Web INFO
• for information on the company behind Shaker's new babies
www.babythinkitover.com

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Club Notes

Club notes appear monthly. Submit your club's information to The Shakerite via Natalie Sekicky's mailbox. Deadline for October listings is Oct. 20.

Youth Ending Hunger

Bill Scanlon, Sue Brown, advisers

upcoming meetings

- Tuesday, Oct. 3
- Tuesday, Oct. 17
- Wednesday, Nov. 1
- volunteer opportunities
 - soup kitchen
 - Wednesday, Oct. 11
- other events
 - annual spaghetti dinner
 - Tuesday, Nov. 7

Latin Club

Jane Ulrich, adviser

upcoming meetings

- Wednesday, Oct. 4
- plan float for homecoming
- other events
 - bake sale, homecoming float
 - Saturday, Oct. 21

German Club

Mary Ashcraft, adviser

information

The visit of our partner school in Goslar, Germany will take place from Oct. 6 - Oct. 30. 22 students, one teacher, and the school's principal will be staying with Shaker families and will be participating in many activities at school and in the area.

AFS/ISO

Ruth Berger, advisor

information

We are actively planning some "fun" activities for Shaker students to meet our new foreign exchange students. We are having a picnic at Horseshoe Lake on Sept. 21 at 6 PM. In October, we will have a pumpkin carving party at the end of the month.

DECA

Mark Leimsieder, adviser

new officers

- Fallyne Johnson, president;
- Dimensia Streater, vice president;
- Paris Hite, secretary; Tallen Shields, treasurer.

other events

- 24th Annual Deca Fall Kick-Off Picnic, Sept. 28

CBE Club

Glenda Moss, adviser

information

The Cooperative Business Education Club will be very busy this year with activities involving community service, fundraising, a regional job skills competition, a mid-winter business conference and an employer/employee luncheon.

The purpose of the CBE club is to provide students enrolled in Shaker's School-to-Work Program, opportunities for leadership as well as opportunities to participate in contests and business outings. It is a fun club, but is only open to seniors enrolled in the CBE program.

Gristmill

Natalie Sekicky, adviser

information

Gristmill staffers want color photos of members of the class of 2001 from their elementary and middle school days. Seniors who submit photos should put their names on them. Photos will be returned in June. Precious or irreplaceable photos should not be submitted, but color copies are acceptable. Photos should be dropped through the slot outside room 229. See Leah Brown, Aida Harris, Laura Englehart, Catherine Schaburg or Starlyn Priest with questions.

Deadline for purchase of the 2001 Gristmill is Oct. 5. All students should have received a mailing detailing instructions for ordering through Yearbook Direct. Extra copies of the mailing are available in the main office.

Shaker Alliance

C.J. Bott, Cindy Finch, advisers

upcoming meeting

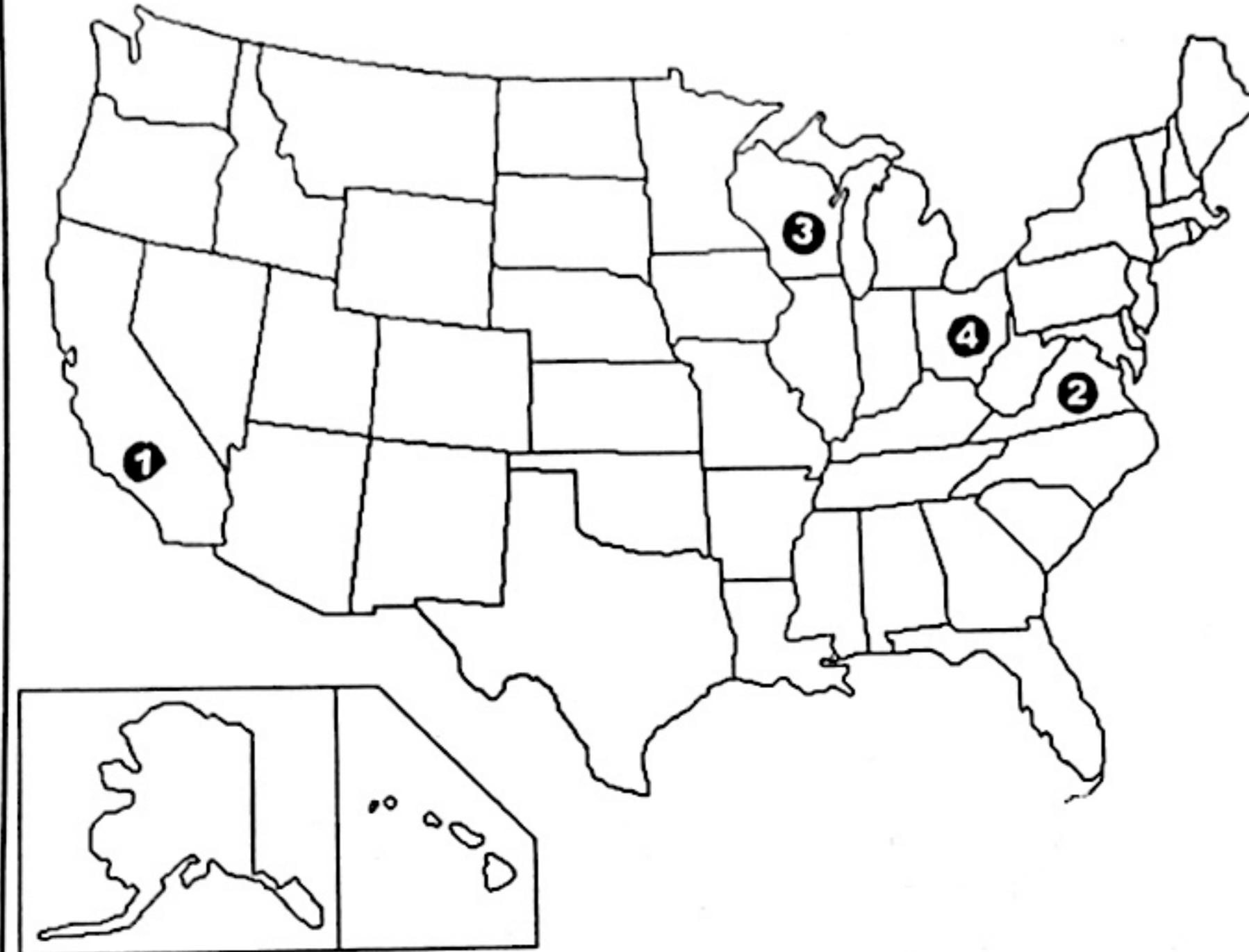
- Wed., Oct. 11 2:15 p.m., room 132
- Information
 - Members participated in the Sept. 17 AIDS Walk.

News in the nation

Police no longer need warrants to search for marijuana

① Los Angeles, CA

A college freshman at the University of Southern California was impaled on a spiked fence. She fell through a second story window when the screen broke. She is in fair condition.



③ Madison, WI

The University of Wisconsin doctored a photo to show that the university is culturally diverse. They inserted a photo of a black student into a crowd of football fans. The photo was on the cover of next year's undergraduate application. A reporter at the student paper noticed only one face in the crowd was lit by the sun.

Register to vote for general elections

On Tuesday Nov. 7 all Shaker students who are 18 years old or older, U.S. citizens, and who have registered to vote will have the option of voting in the general elections. This year voters will elect the next president and one U.S. Senator from Ohio.

Students will also be able to cast ballots for members of the U.S. and Ohio Houses of Representatives, State Board of Education representative, Ohio Supreme Court Justice, and two Cuyahoga County Commissioners, along with a host of other local offices.

Registration forms are available from all high school social studies teachers, or online at www.electionohio.com/cuyahoga/voter.html. The website also has absentee ballot applications for registered voters who will be out of the county on Election Day. Forms must be returned by Friday, Oct. 6.

Judith Stenta, who is heading the "get out the vote" effort for the League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights, said she hopes all eligible Shaker students will exercise their right to register and vote.

"Students know from studying history that thousands of Americans have put their lives on the line protecting our democracy," said Stenta, a former president of the Shaker Heights Board of Education.

② Jarratt, VA

Three monkeys threw bananas and apples at cars on Interstate 95. The monkeys are believed to have escaped from the state fair in Richmond or a circus in North Carolina. The primates escaped from police.

④ Columbus, OH

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that police don't need warrants to search a vehicle or the passengers if the officers smell marijuana. The officer must be trained to recognize the distinct odor. The possession of up to 3.5 ounces of marijuana is a misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$100.

and the mother of six Shaker graduates.

"Yet, throughout the United States, young adults turn out to vote in distressingly low proportions. We encourage Shaker students to get involved in the political process and make their voices heard," she said.

The League of Women Voters offers a nonpartisan guide to all the contested races at www.lwvcc.org/votersguide.htm.

Joseph Tartakoff

Forum on bullying in school to be held

news BRIEFS

On Monday Oct. 16, the Shaker Heights Parent Teacher Organization will present a forum entitled Bullying, Harassment, and the Learning Environment.

David Miller, a professor at Case Western Reserve University, Kathleen Quinn, a post doctoral fellow at Kent State University, and Shaker English teacher CJ Bott will lead the discussion.

The event, which will take place from 7 to 8:30 pm in the High School small auditorium, will also include a student panel.

All parents, faculty, and students are welcome. For more information contact Christine Williams at 751-8584.

Joseph Tartakoff

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Shaker to hire police liaison

By Laura Barnes
Staff Reporter

A federal grant will bring a police resource officer to Shaker Heights High School.

The district applied for and received the grant last year. The award funds a district resource officer for one year.

A resource officer is a police officer who acts as a liaison between the school district and the police force. The resource officer would also "deal with the administration and police force on joint concerns," Shaker Heights Police Chief Walter Ugrinic said.

"It's unfortunate that we need one, but it's probably good to have," senior Eric Anderson said of the forthcoming addition to the school.

Ugrinic said that the resource officer will also work with kids who may be heading in the wrong direction and work with the district to find a solution to the problem in the best interests of the child.

He said that the position may be filled by a retired officer, but that the district will be advertising for and collecting resumes from a range of people.

Many schools already have resource officers or a person performing a similar role, including two of the schools where Principal Michael Griffith worked before coming to Shaker.

"In both cases it worked very positively," Griffith said.

Griffith said that the officer could also be a very positive addition to the district if the right person is chosen. He said the officer needs to understand his or her role as someone there to help rather than someone looking to be an authoritarian.

"It's part of the whole counseling support structure," Griffith said.

Ugrinic agreed, saying that the role of the officer should not be to punish kids. "Our goal is not to put kids in jail," he said.

There is concern among students as to whether the officer would be seen as an authority figure or a helping hand.

Sophomore Tina Jackson said the addition of an officer might be a case of overkill.

"I think that might be taking the security thing a little too far," she said.

Students gather for prayer at pole

• Service prompts discussion on prayer at school

By Joseph Tartakoff
News Co-editor

to syatp.com, the official See You at The Pole website.

As in most instances when prayer and public school come into proximity, questions of constitutionality arise.

In a press release dated Aug. 10, the American Center for Law and Justice states that students have a constitutional right to gather at events like See You At the Pole.

The release states, "The right to gather for such an event is supported by Supreme Court precedent holding that a

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- for more information on See You at the Pole, its history and the legal aspects that surround it:

www.syatp.com

student's right to free speech applies when he is in the cafeteria, or on the playing field, or on the campus during authorized hours (*Tinker v. Des Moines School District*, 1969).

The statement continues, "Nothing in the constitution as interpreted by this court prohibits any public school student from voluntarily praying at anytime during, or after the school day (*Santa Fe School District v. Doe*, 2000)."

Junior Gia Campbell did not question the event.

"It's their religion," she said, "If they want to do it, they can do it."

Although Students 4 God members said the group wishes to be all inclusive, it is primarily made up of Christians.

"The club is based on the Bible and God. We would more than welcome Jews or Muslims, though. We would share our views of Jesus, and would listen to theirs," Penick said.

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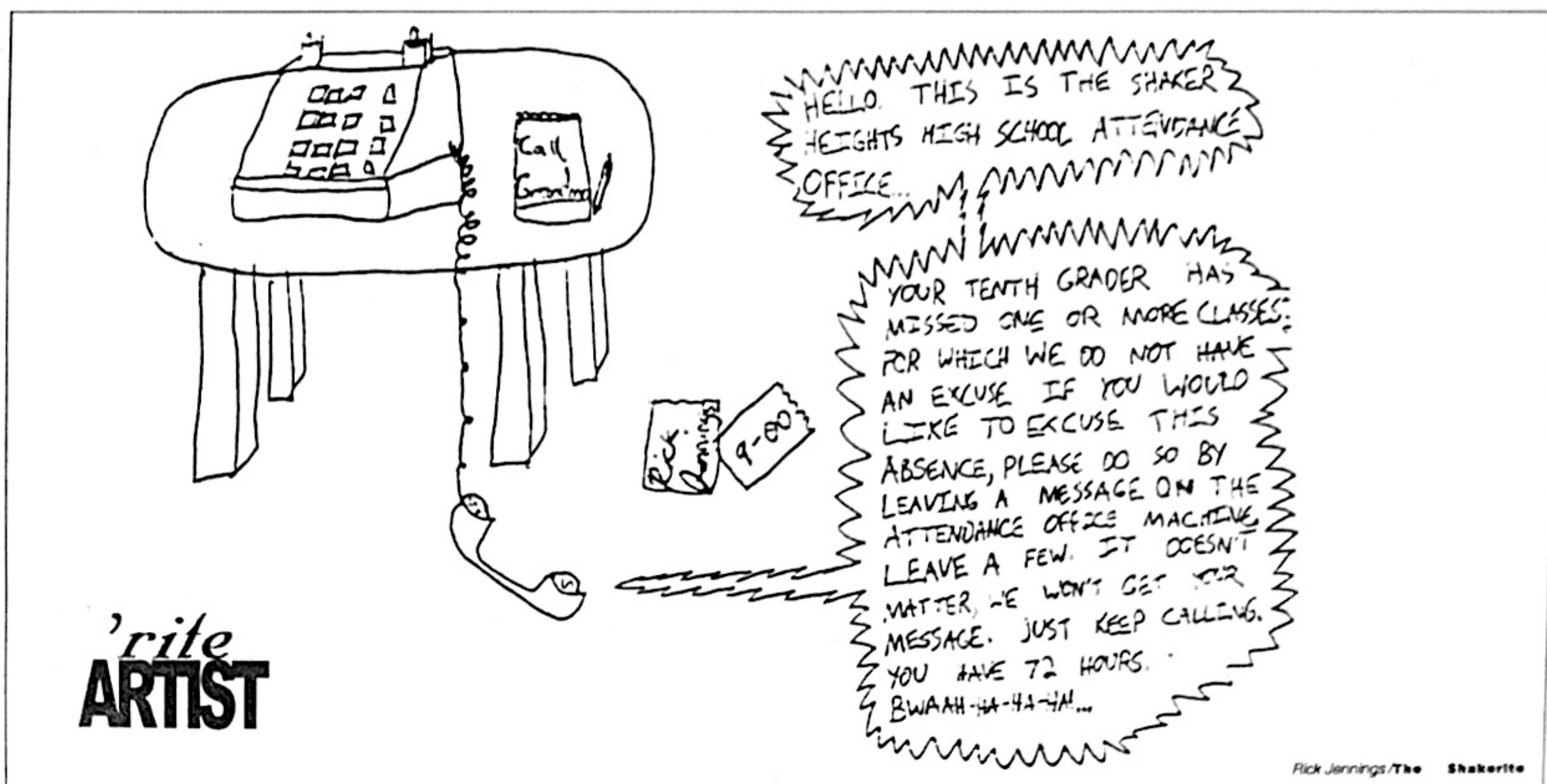
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Mistake on the lake

The resurrected Cleveland Browns Stadium stands proudly on the shore of Lake Erie, its brand-new windows reflecting the glint of the water. The stadium is a symbol of Cleveland's attempt to boost its once sordid reputation, and not more than two miles away, practically in its shadow, the dilapidated building of Alexander Graham Bell School clings to the memory of dignity.

Why is there such a large discrepancy in funding?

The answer is where the interests lie. In late August and early September a strike by Cleveland teachers was averted after the teachers were promised a five percent salary increase for each of the three years on their contract. Teachers complained of lack of facilities in the schools but were acquiesced with raises. Countless Cleveland teachers are forced to photocopy assignments out of textbooks because they do not possess enough textbooks to pass around. Is this really right?

In 1990, Dick Jacobs demanded a new stadium for his fledgling *Cleveland Indians*. The city proposed a syntax on alcohol and cigarettes in order to accumulate enough money to afford the stadium. The Cavs stadium, combined with the Jacob's Field stadium initial cost was estimated at around \$344 million but the final cost rounded out to an exorbitant \$470 million. As a result additional taxpayer money had to be extracted. In 1995 a vote was held to extend the syntax, which was initially for 10 years, to an additional 20. The vote passed the bill with a colossal 82 percent vote with a 1.7 percent margin of error. Cleveland almost never passes school levies for additional funding to schools, yet the mere mention of building a stadium, checkbooks open. Temporary jobs, tourism and, gasp, revenue are enough to make the mouths of Cleveland's elite salivate.

On the other hand, Tom Chema, one of the designers for the Gateway Complex, argues that the problem with Cleveland schools is not the funds so much as the teachers and administration. "This year alone Jacob's Field will give \$5.4 million in admission taxes to the Cleveland Public school system. Gund arena will give \$3.2 million," exclaimed Chema. Chema also said the Indians will give an additional \$600,000 directly to the Cleveland City school district, which will help educate an estimated seventy seven thousand students. That adds up to a whopping \$56.36 extra per child. Of course, that's before the teacher salary increases. Add that to the countless millions being poured into the Gateway Complex and suddenly it's not the school's fault, it's the city's fault.

Mayor White has promised reform but is it just more of the same? Even with the mayor's popularity most Clevelanders would still rather not vote for the school levy. Could it also be that most Clevelanders just plain don't care?

Cleveland Public Schools only seem to be regressing more each year in the quality of education that they offer. For this reason, private schools are being turned to, burdening middle and upper-class families' tuition that can be upwards of \$10,000 a year. The result is many citizens reluctant to spend money on Cleveland schools.

Every day at Shaker Heights High School, we receive a top of the line education, given by teachers who care and supplemented by technology and college-level textbooks. We go home each day after the bell rings, and don't even stop to realize that a ten minute drive away, kids no different from us are being denied opportunity and knowledge simply because of the city in which they live.

Chema's strongest argument is that he has helped renew interest in Cleveland. Though he also neglects to note that if Cleveland fixed up their schools people would be more willing to give money to support them. Though Cleveland may be turning around, Chema said he would estimate that almost all of the people with children living in the area would send their students to private schools when they became of school age. Chema also hinted that the schools need to learn to manage their finances more efficiently. Advice from the designer of Gateway, \$126 million in the hole.

letters to **THE EDITOR**

Students skewer dress code

To the editors:

We would like to address the issue of the dress code here at SHHS. We feel that it violates our freedom of expression.

Is it the girl's fault for a boy being distracted by her shoulders? Or is it his fault for not being able to pay attention? If people can't control their hormones in the classroom they should consider attending a single-sex school where distraction of the opposite sex will no longer be an issue.

If you blame us for distracting others it's the same as blaming a woman for being raped because of her seductive clothing. It simply is not fair.

Not only female students are perturbed at this dress code but male students as well, for being stereotyped and placed into a category of immature, perverted, hormonally driven adolescents.

Sarah Mulligan, Lainie Cohen, Abby Panzer, Gwen Scherner, Liz Schreiber

To the editors:

I would like to voice dissension with the school dress code policy, specifically the banning of spaghetti strap tank tops. This seems to me both unnecessary and reflecting deference to old fashioned opinions of what is appropriate, not prolonged thought on the issue. These shirts make up a large proportion of the female population's summer and spring wardrobe. They are neither an inappropriate exposure of skin nor a distraction from learning for the rest of the school, or the individual wearing them.

I feel the banning of these shirts is a reflection of our society's Puritan roots which not only kept women covered up, but kept them in an inferior position in society, separate from men. In our dual, approaching equal, society these antiquarian taboos of baring skin seem reactionary to the changing world, and lacking informed thought.

Luke Rindfuss

Oval neighbors seek respect

To the editors:

This is a plea for civility addressed to students who travel on Aldersyde. This street may look quiet, but there are several residents with home offices and several at-home parents, and we really notice your behavior. We are especially attentive because so many of us have children enrolled in the Shaker schools, headed toward Shaker Heights High. Here are some incidents, committed by a very few, which have disturbed us and caused us concern about all of you:

- Speeding drivers
- Vandalism (seasonal decorations stolen or smashed, litter, stakes for snowplows yanked out within hours of installation).

- Incredibly, a young lady (whom we recognized) ran into someone's yard to kick and damage a pro-levy sign this past spring.

- A young man deliberately threw a CD player onto the sidewalk and walked away. At least four neighborhood adults witnessed it last week. The closest adult called to him to pick up the mess, and he kept on walking. Perhaps he was having a bad day, but this event caused that woman some anguish over many issues, including the impression the incident made on her young children (also witnesses).

- We like being your neighbors. We don't mind when the street is clogged with cars parked during high school events, we enjoy the distant boom of the marching band and seeing athletes running by. We try to look the walkers in the eye and greet them.

We would appreciate your safe and courteous behavior.

Charles Ford and Annette Sutherland
This letter was also signed by 18 members of the Aldersyde Drive community

It's September.

Do you know who your candidates are?

According to Harper's Magazine, 239 Americans are registered as presidential candidates this year. Well beyond Bush and Gore, here is an introduction to just six.



Name: Governor George W. Bush

Home: Texas

Party: Republican

Main issues: Bush wants to impart "a purpose to our prosperity." Bush plans to eliminate estate taxes, improve military readiness, give vouchers to help poor children attend private schools, and reform social security. Bush wants to reduce the top income tax rate to 33 percent, and eliminate the so-called "marriage penalty" in federal income taxes. Bush would ban partial birth abortion.



Name: Vice President Al Gore

Home: Tennessee

Party: Democratic

Main issues: Gore wants to reform how political campaigns are financed, and create a new entitlement to prescription drugs for the elderly. Gore plans to appoint judges who protect a woman's right to choose abortion. Gore advocates "common sense" gun control such as registering handguns, and raising purchase age to 21. Gore also plans to reduce the federal debt and have tax cuts targeted toward the middle class.



Name: Harry Browne

Occupation: Financial Advisor

Home: Tennessee

Party: Libertarian

Main issues: Browne would pardon all non-violent drug criminals from prison and legalize drugs. He would eliminate the federal income tax and drastically reduce the size and role of the federal government. Browne would eliminate public education, social security, and most other government expenditures.



Name: John Hagelin

Occupation: Physicist

Home: Iowa

Party: Natural Law (also contesting Reform nomination)

Main issues: Hagelin believes in conflict-free politics, treating public policy as an applied science rather than an ideological debate. Hagelin wants prevention-oriented, rather than reactive, government policies written into Medicare and the prison system. Hagelin also wishes to apply the conflict-free methodology to foreign policy, stressing diplomacy over militarism.



Name: Ralph Nader

Occupation: Consumer Advocate

Home: Washington, D.C.

Party: Green

Main issues: Nader wants to end the two-party system, which he sees as corrupt and dependent on trans-national corporations. Nader wants to end corporate subsidies, especially to prisons, the Pentagon and sports stadiums. Nader believes in broad campaign finance and environmental reform. Nader would legalize marijuana for certain medicinal purposes.

Name: Patrick Buchanan

Occupation: Journalist, former Nixon official

Home: Virginia

Party: Reform

Main issues: Buchanan believes in immigration quotas and tightening security at America's borders. Buchanan would protect the unborn's right to life, and renegotiate free trade agreements implemented during the Clinton administration. Buchanan would decrease taxes and the size of federal government.

compiled by Alex Madorsky



Debra Kamin
Opinion Co-editor

Rock the un-vote!

Remember mock elections back in elementary school? Our classes lined up single file and headed toward the cafeteria, where we proudly place a check next to the name our moms and dads had informed us belonged to the "good guy." It didn't matter at all that we couldn't vote in the real world; our 8-year-old views were of utmost importance in our apple-juice and finger-paint world.

Nowadays, we hear the talk about candidates, about social reforms, and about economic turmoil or prosperity. Politics is the national language this time of year, and its idioms are unavoidable. *Winning over the undecided. Battle-ground state. Substance not charm. But are we, the non-voters, really listening?*

Whether we're 18 or not, federal laws still apply and federal guidelines still carry weight. Whether we're 18 or not, we can still be tried as adults and we can still want and expect to be treated as adults. Though we may not ourselves need Medicare, we still love grandparents who do. Though we certainly are not saving for retirement, it is doubtless that parents are, and their bank accounts are indispensably linked to our allowances.

Some issues being tossed around in platforms are more relevant to those under the legal mark of adult than those already able to buy cigarettes and serve in the armed forces.

High school students know better than any other sector of the American population the relevance of gun control. It is the developing children, those still with inches to grow, whose lungs are most sensitive to toxins in the air.

So what do you do? Get out there. Start a petition, pass out flyers, voice your opinion. Speak up and tell your parents what you're feeling. Tell your friends, tell your older siblings who will be heading to the polls in November. Read the newspaper and learn what's going on in this nation you call home.

Too many people vote with apathy or don't vote at all. Educate those who are wasting their right and responsibility. After all, it's your country, too.

Questioning the need for Student Council

- Are they a dedicated group of students aiming to help our school, or simply a popularity contest to cushion college applications?

Student Council elections are nothing more than superficial hoopla intended to pay homage to the popular and further segregate the student body.

Students see the signs around the school, they hear the "speeches" (sometimes one-line diatribes that provide no information on the candidate), but does anyone know what Student Council actually does?

Well... they do organize spirit days and other special events.

Maybe it's just me, but last I checked it isn't too hard to say, "Okay, this class wear this color on Friday" or "One thousand glazed, please."

Unfortunately, Student Council is sometimes reminiscent of a mouse on a treadmill, running and running but making no progress.

The first problem is that school is not a democracy. We students are given guidelines and policies that we must abide by in order to remain enrolled at the high school. All students, even those in Student Council, yield to any and all faculty and administration.

It would be a much-welcomed change if Student Council had quality control over the lunch program, or a say in how school funds are spent, but they don't.

Why then do students even run for a position on Student Council? Well, it looks real good on a college application. Student Council positions suggest school pride and leadership and make tasty icing for the proverbial cake of college applications.

Student Council. Let's just consider for a moment what people think about this organization. A few feelings may come to mind: Student Council doesn't do anything... People join it just to put it on their college applications... The elections are a popularity contest. Hmm... seems to me that the student body probably doesn't have a clue about what Student Council does.

Perhaps I can enlighten you.

Unfortunately, the elections may be a popularity contest- I can't disagree with that but this cannot be avoided. That is precisely what voting is — a tally of popular opinion. What would you call the upcoming presidential election?

Do people really believe that the best candidate wins, in this nation or in this building? I'm sorry, not to be cynical and not that it is right, but popular vote is the way we do things in this country, and I don't think that is going to change anytime soon.

Maybe elections are flawed, but there are still efficient, positive aspects of Student Council. Namely, what we do. We meet every other Tuesday at 7 a.m. to discuss new business and old business and to hear news from committee heads. Here's the latest from our organization.

• Student Council members met over the summer and came to school four hours earlier than any other upperclassmen on the first day of school to introduce the class of 2004 to the building.

• We put up calendars in the cafeteria and filled the class showcases with pictures for the benefit of the student body.

Even if Student Council were empowered to make important decisions, could we really count on them to do so? In many instances, candidates' speeches do not fire up students with insightful ideas for school improvement. Instead, some candidates degrade other students, make sexual references or just plain prevaricate — usually earning laughter, cheers and, eventually, votes from students.

During the 1999 campaign, one student's speech consisted solely of the words "Vote for me." In 1997, a winning candidate urged students to vote for him because he would throw a party at the home of a student who lives on Aldersyde Drive. (He didn't). Clearly, these students are not taking seriously the obligation of leadership.

Is it completely the candidates' fault? No. What can you expect of students who don't really have authority to lead? And students would rather vote for their buddy than for a peer who tries to tell them what to do.

This is precisely why Student Council is not necessary and why it becomes a showcase for the popular. We already have plenty of clubs and students with school spirit.

Whether there is a spirit day or not, people regularly wear Shaker red. With or without doughnut day, students will still gather in the cafeteria to talk with friends and do some last-minute studying. A voice for the students is not necessary because student voices are everywhere. We speak individually and as a whole about our likes and our dislikes; we don't need a select few to decide them for us.

Rob Rains

• We sell food at football games. And don't let me get started on how much energy and enthusiasm it takes. I worked at a game two weeks ago, along with probably 15 other students, and the action never stopped! Customers demanded food that we didn't have or food that we ran out of.

And we didn't get to see one minute of the game.

• We coordinate the Back-to-School Dance that occurs in the middle of September to welcome freshmen and new students into Shaker.

• We solicit food donations from local restaurants and help in advertising to get students to donate blood at the blood drives occurring here four times yearly.

Do you get the picture yet?

Student Council respects, acknowledges and recognizes that students have a voice and that their voice is everywhere. And by no means do we simply try to reiterate the students' views. We know that we can't represent everyone; that is impossible.

Sometimes administrators do come to us and ask for class representatives' opinions on certain issues, though, and those representatives speak for the student body.

Student Council does not just point a finger at Amy Joy and tell her to bring us 1,000 donuts. We're the ones who call Ms. Joy, pick up the donuts, tell everyone to wear red and white to receive them, distribute them and clean up everyone else's mess afterwards.

Jenny Heisler

TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

I go home for lunch everyday. I eat what I decide to eat and when I am finished, I wipe up my crumbs, throw away my napkin, and load my plate and glass into the dishwasher. However, upon my return to school, I see students frolicking playfully on the front lawn- frolicking, that is, in everyone else's trash. Now, excuse me for being rash, but since when did beautiful, freshly cut grass become students' waste bin? My message? Please just throw away your gosh darn trash! You gross me out!

10-second tick-off

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE REDNECKS?

What's the deal with all the Confederate Flag bumper stickers here in Northeast Ohio? You might as well just paint "REDNECK" all over the side of your jacked-up Ford F-150! The Confederate Flag certainly has no place here above the Mason-Dixon or anywhere for that matter. The excuse of "Southern Pride" is unacceptable. What could possibly be the point of flaunting your ignorance? I always thought it was something to be ashamed of.

THUMBS DOWN TO BOO RALLY

Pep rally? More like BOO rally. That's the way people act in this school. What was supposed to be an event where students could come out and support their fellow sports teams turned into a event where students became the targets for egg and balloon throwing. The way in which the school repays administrators and student council, who put in their time and effort to organize a fun event, is inexcusable. We were rude and immature, rather than being grateful that we even have events like pep rallies. What this school needs and deserves is students who practice self control and respect their peers.

Jenny Heisler

Marianne Cronin

Leah Kautman

Tuning into reality TV



David Chupek
Staff reporter

Ranging from the decade-long *The Real World* to the recent hit *Survivor*, the reality show craze is sweeping the country. With these shows at the peak of their popularity, there are bound to be some spin-offs. What would happen if Shaker created a spin-off? It could be called *The Real World*.

Shaker Heights, and would follow seven random students through SHHS instead of filming them in a house. I can see it now

player. For him school starts six period, but for most of the time he's at the triangle anyway.

Dyed hair would make a nice touch, but not a requirement.

Next I think we would need to include the loner of the group. He doesn't have many friends but it doesn't matter because he can get a full scholarship to any college he wants.

Then I think there would have to be a teenybopper. She is the one who is in love with every guy in every boy band. She goes to the concerts with a telescope so she can spot her future husband.

Next I think that we would need a jock. He is captain of the football, baseball, basketball, track, swimming, tennis, lacrosse and golf teams. Hey, golf is a varsity sport?

To plug into the more recent trend of competition on reality shows, *The Real World*, Shaker Heights would incorporate a contest.

The winner would be the student who is not voted out of school by the audience. The contest would be voted on by Student Council.

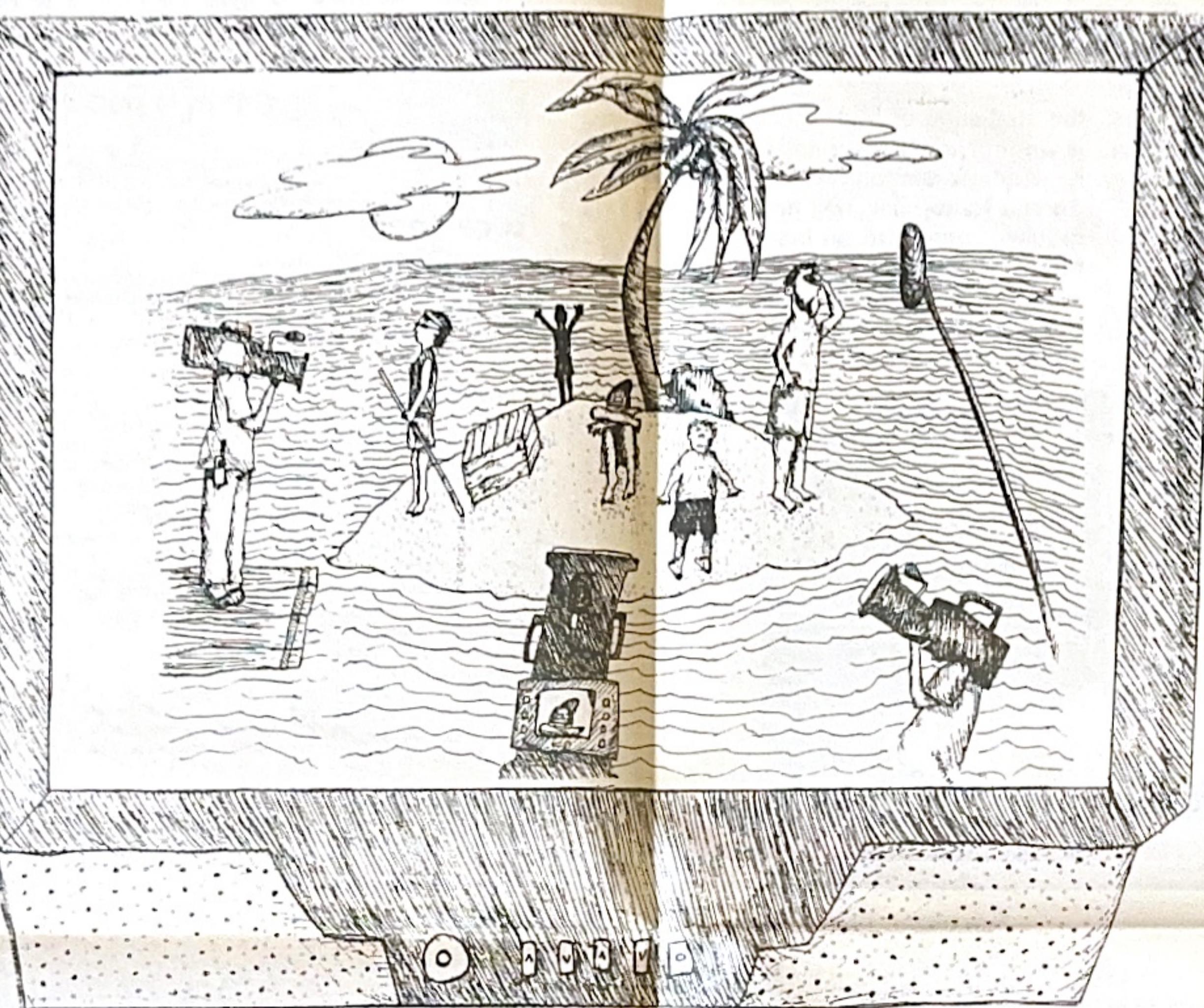
The winner of the show would take home \$1 million. The show would have two seniors,

two juniors, two sophomores and only one freshman because nobody really likes freshmen.

First I think we would need the girlie-girl whose major concern is what she wears. Her locker is filled with makeup and accessories and pictures of all her boyfriends.

I think another character should be the wannabe girlie-girl. The wannabe is to the girlie-girl as Old Navy is to The Gap.

The rock/punk guy would be another key



Joseph Fungang/The Shakerite

Real world, Shaker Hts.

you must come to school on time unless you have an excused absence, which must be called in to the attendance office by a parent or guardian within 48 hours. Since the rock/punk guy decides that school starts at 11:00 instead of 8:05, he would soon be kicked off as well.

The only two left would be the teenybopper and the loner. The audience would decide to have a test of knowledge and a physical test. After a long debate over whether to have it in the cafeteria or the library, it would be decided to have it in the windowless study hall room, 233B (Although it's the study hall room, it should be available because no one actually goes to study hall).

The test of knowledge would be a piece of cake for the loner. The questions cover stuff that he learned in second grade. The only category that the teenybopper would win would be the "new fads" category.

The physical test would be held in the new gym because it's air conditioned. At the start of the contest the teenybopper is missing. Her mom calls and says that she left school early for the *NSync concert. The teenybopper decides that a million dollars would be nice, but seeing Justin up close and personal would be a life-altering experience.

The girlie-girl would be voted off after five security guards with Walkie-Talkies had to hold her back from slapping the wannabe for stealing her boyfriend. The wannabe would quit because her idol left.

One of the rules of the contest would be that



Survivor, CBS's hit series, possibly spurred the recent

voyeur-TV craze. Last season, 16 castaways were stranded together on the island of Pulau Tiga, one person to be voted out by their team's Tribal Counsel every episode. Richard Hatch—now famous for parading

around the island naked—was the last remaining survivor. He won the grand prize of \$1 million and a Pontiac Aztek. Next season, viewers can watch a new cast "outwit, outlast, and outplay" fellow survivors in the Australian Outback.

In the midst of its ninth season on MTV, *The Real World*—which now features a group of seven young adults living in a New Orleans' mansion—is still going strong. The pioneer of

the reality show craze, *The Real World* has filmed

strangers living together for six months in cities ranging from London to Hawaii. Its sister-show, *Road Rules*, sends a group of six young adults throughout the world to complete different missions for a



CBS'

Big Brother

resembles

a bare-

bones

version

of *The Real World*. The

basis

of the

show

is that

cameras record

10

strangers

who live

together

in a two-

bedroom

house.

Using

the

latest

twist in reality

TV, the idea of

"banishment"

that made

Survivor

famous

this

summer,

the audience

votes to remove

residents

from the

house.

The last

remaining

tenant

is awarded

a \$500,000

prize

at the conclusion

of the show.

Big Brother

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Mondays,

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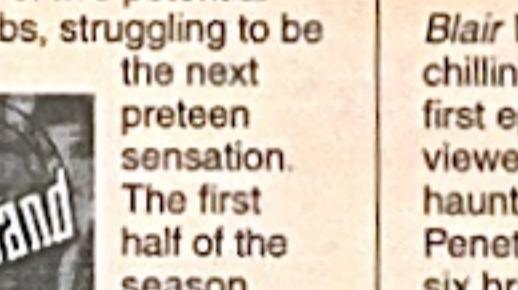
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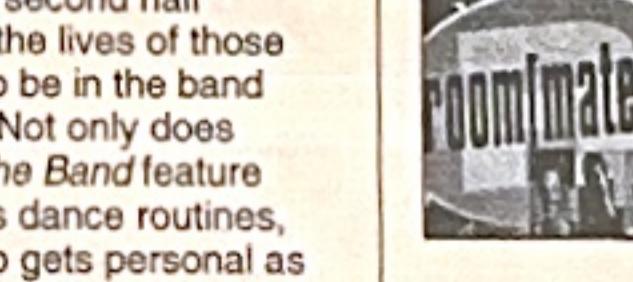
at 8 p.m.

With the popularity of both boy bands and reality shows—why not make a series combining the two? ABC's *Making the Band*, films the triumphs and tragedies of five potential heartthrobs, struggling to be the next preteen sensation. The first half of the season focused on the auditioning of boy-band hopefuls, while the second half followed the lives of those chosen to be in the band O-Town. Not only does *Making the Band* feature countless dance routines, but it also gets personal as the boys experience traumatic situations—such as breaking up with jealous girlfriends.

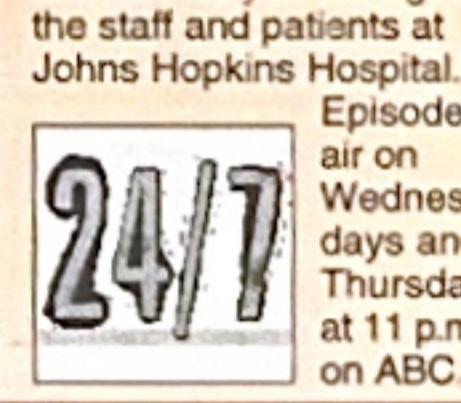
MTV's *Fear* takes reality shows to a new level. The series is similar to last year's *Blair Witch Project*—only the chilling events are real. The first episode terrified its viewers at the notoriously haunted West Virginia State Penitentiary. Next episode, six brave souls will be at an abandoned mental hospital.



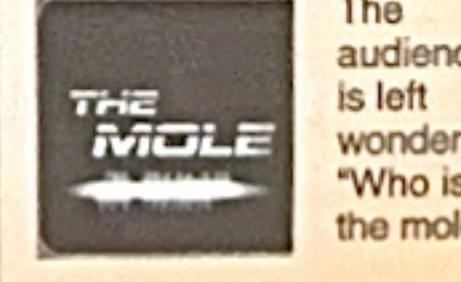
Localizing the trend of "reality TV", Cleveland's Channel 3 launched *Roommates* on August 29. The show films six college-age students from the Cleveland area while they live in an apartment together. The show airs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. on WKYC.



ABC's *Hopkins 24/7* combines the concept of the NBC's hit *ER* with the more recent craze of voyeurism. ABC News compiled a six part documentary of footage of the staff and patients at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



Episodes air on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 p.m. on ABC. ABC is adding *The Mole* to their lineup this fall. The show follows ten people working together to accomplish outrageous tasks. The twist of the show is a "mole" who tries to sabotage the rest of the team to collect money. The audience is left wondering "Who is the mole?"



The Real Appeal

By Cassidy Heller and
Alesayah Rasheed
Staff Reporters

Junior Nicoline Arrington has seen every episode of *The Real World*, from the cast in New York to the cast in New Orleans. She watches the shows carefully and follows the characters' lives throughout the series. *The Real World* characters such as Ruthie, from Hawaii, and David, from New York, are what really hold Nicoline's attention. *The Real World's* sister show, *Road Rules*, also holds Nicoline's attention with the daring stunts and adventures that the characters endure.

Nicoline is not alone in her intrigue with reality television shows. Although shows such as *The Real World* and *Road Rules* have been going strong for a decade, a whole new batch of reality television shows have flooded the networks over the past few months.

Recent examples of voyeuristic programming include this summer's hit *Survivor*, CBS's *Big Brother* and ABC's *Making the Band*. Other new reality miniseries and series include emergency room drama *Hopkins 24/7*, MTV's *Fear*, the short-lived *American High*, and ABC's upcoming *The Mole*. Cleveland's channel 3 has even launched a local reality show, *Roommates*.

Reality shows will continue to be a trend in the immediate future, said SHHS sociology and psychology teacher Baird Wiehe. Popularity of these shows will continue because of their good ratings and relatively low budgets, he said.

"People love to know what other people do. They find it fascinating. We are very social creatures," said Wiehe, who is not a die-hard reality show fan, but watches to keep up to date for class discussions.

Many students share the fascination of the rest of the country because they feel that reality shows hit close to home.

"I think they are really good because they get away from false stuff. This is something real," said freshman Kenneth Priest, a *Survivor* fan.

Arrington agrees that reality shows are easier to relate to than scripted sitcoms. "[Real World] is about people's lives and what really goes on, it's not like a screenplay," she said.

Another theory on the popularity of reality television relates to humans' intrinsic curiosity. People watch reality shows because they are curious about human behavior, said SHHS psychologist Karen Tushman.

SHHS psychologist Karen Tushman. She thinks that people are probably searching for validation that they're normal. Sophomore Ally Gregg-Zellars agrees.

"Sometimes people might look to see if things going on in their lives are similar to what's on TV. Most of society looks to the television for the way things should or should not be."

Reality shows are not popular with everyone though. Sophomore Emily Pfaff does not like the idea of *Survivor*. "I think shows like *Survivor* are trivializing the plights of people who really have to rely on their instincts to survive on the streets," she said.

"The fact that the contestants get a million dollars for the same thing is despicable."

Charting a freshman course

Tips from the top

• Upperclassmen give advice for success at the high school

"It was difficult to get used to all of the homework. You have to work ahead and not get behind.

Freshmen should have fun and enjoy it, 'cause it just keeps getting harder."

LAUREN LICINA, junior

"In order to succeed they need to make sure that they do not procrastinate and they need to work hard."

SHARON WEATHERSPOON, junior

"Always go to class because once you miss one day, it's hard to catch up."

ERIC WATSON, junior

"Keep up with your work. It counts. Make time for your friends, and get involved in lots of activities."

JAIME STREEM, senior

"If you're thirsty, use the drinking fountain in the office. Join clubs and have fun."

JOHN DINGLE, junior

"Stay focused and that way you can't go wrong. Stay on track."

CHONDA CANNON, senior

Freshman year, like any change, can be traumatic. There are new teachers to meet, a maze-like school to traverse, and intimidating upperclassmen to avoid. Students survive, but how do they succeed? With 37 members, the achievement faculty com-

By Liza Moody and
Rebecca Wolff
Feature Co-editors

It is rare to find a freshman who isn't nervous about coming to the high school. But Serena Hendricks did not stress out about entering a new school.

"I just thought about how easy it was going to be, so I didn't really worry about it," she said.

Hendricks approached the school year with confidence and a positive attitude, two things that seem to be helping her meet the high school challenge.

"I love the high school," Hendricks said. "You get so much freedom. Once you know what you're doing, it's just like the middle school."

Hendricks said that she can keep up with the academic demands, but that it is a big change from the middle school. "It's pretty hard, but if you manage your time wisely, it's OK. I know a lot of people who haven't had as much homework as I do," said Hendricks, who takes honors English, math and science.

The class of 2004 is the first to come to the high school from the house system at the middle school. Under the house system, each grade is divided into groups of 100 students. Four teachers are assigned to each group of 100, and the teachers plan instruction together.

"[The transition was] not too difficult, [but] you can't go up to one teacher and talk about another one, like you could in the middle school. I hate that. You can't say, 'Well, in English, we have something, so could you lighten the load?'" Hendricks said.

Hendricks praised the planners distributed to freshmen and all other students as a way to keep all those assignments and time commitments organized. She was surprised that the high school hadn't provided them before.

mittee, which explores ways to help students succeed, is the school's largest. Shaker distributed planners this year to help kids stay organized, and the start of school was modified to accommodate freshman orientation.

the challenge of high school is an individual responsibility. Andrew Denton and Serena Hendricks, two ninth graders, agreed to be featured in *The Shakerite* this year in a series documenting the challenges and successes of their first high



Serena Hendricks takes notes during her 10th period Spanish II class. Hendricks juggles honors classes and activities.

"It helps me stay organized," she said.

Hendricks said planning is crucial to taking advantage of extra-curricular activities offered at the high school. She plays clarinet in marching band, which can be time consuming because of the football games every weekend in the fall.

"It's kind of hard to squeeze in," she said about band.

Hendricks' said her biggest challenge is honors English.

"Going from CP to honors English is pretty difficult right now. The literature is just beyond the way kids think, and we're just like, 'I don't care,'" she said.

All in all, the high school has been a little different than what Hendricks anticipated. "I expected things that I saw on TV, like on *Saved by the Bell* and *Popular*," she laughed. "They have so much time to talk in between classes. The only thing I see [between classes] is people trying to get up the main stairway."

A l t h o u g h Hendricks said she has heard rumors of hazing, she has not formed a bad opinion of the upperclassmen. "I heard there would be people throwing eggs in the hallway. But I got lost and they showed me [where to go]," Hendricks said.

"I've had great experiences with upperclassmen so far."

Andrew Denton finds a bridge

The pressure of high teacher expectations and extracurricular activities can be overwhelming. But so far freshman Andrew Denton is not concerned, despite having three or four hours of homework a night.

"It's not too much because I usually just go home and grab something to eat and then get started," Denton said.

Denton's grade, the class of 2004, is the first class to come from the house system at the middle school, which is similar to the Bridges program. "I'm in Bridges, so I'm still in a team. But they don't give you extra days to turn in your work," Denton said. "You have to work hard all the time." Denton said the transition from the middle school team approach is made a little easier by Bridges.

"I thought it was going to be [even more stressful] than last year. I find the teachers to be all really nice, really good teachers. I'm happy I chose Bridges. Without Bridges, I think I'd have a harder time because in Bridges they kind of help you out."

The switch to high school often separates Shaker students from their middle school friends. Denton's choice to pursue Bridges, for instance, separated him from his best friend, who is in a few honors classes. He said the separation is not a big deal, though. "I think all my friends are doing well and they're all having fun," said Denton, who has friends in all class levels.

Besides doing homework, Denton has joined YEH and Take Action this year.

Denton said, "I like the high school a lot — how relaxed it is. Fun, laid back, more freedom. I love it."



Andrew Denton studies during his 10th period tutoring session with Marcia Jaffe.

Freshmen speak out about high school life

"I got lost and then slipped on a piece of paper and fell on my ass."



STEFAN KIROV

"The halls suck cuz I get slammed into the wall."



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"High school's basically the same as the middle school, but things get harder."



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"There's a lot of people with beards here."

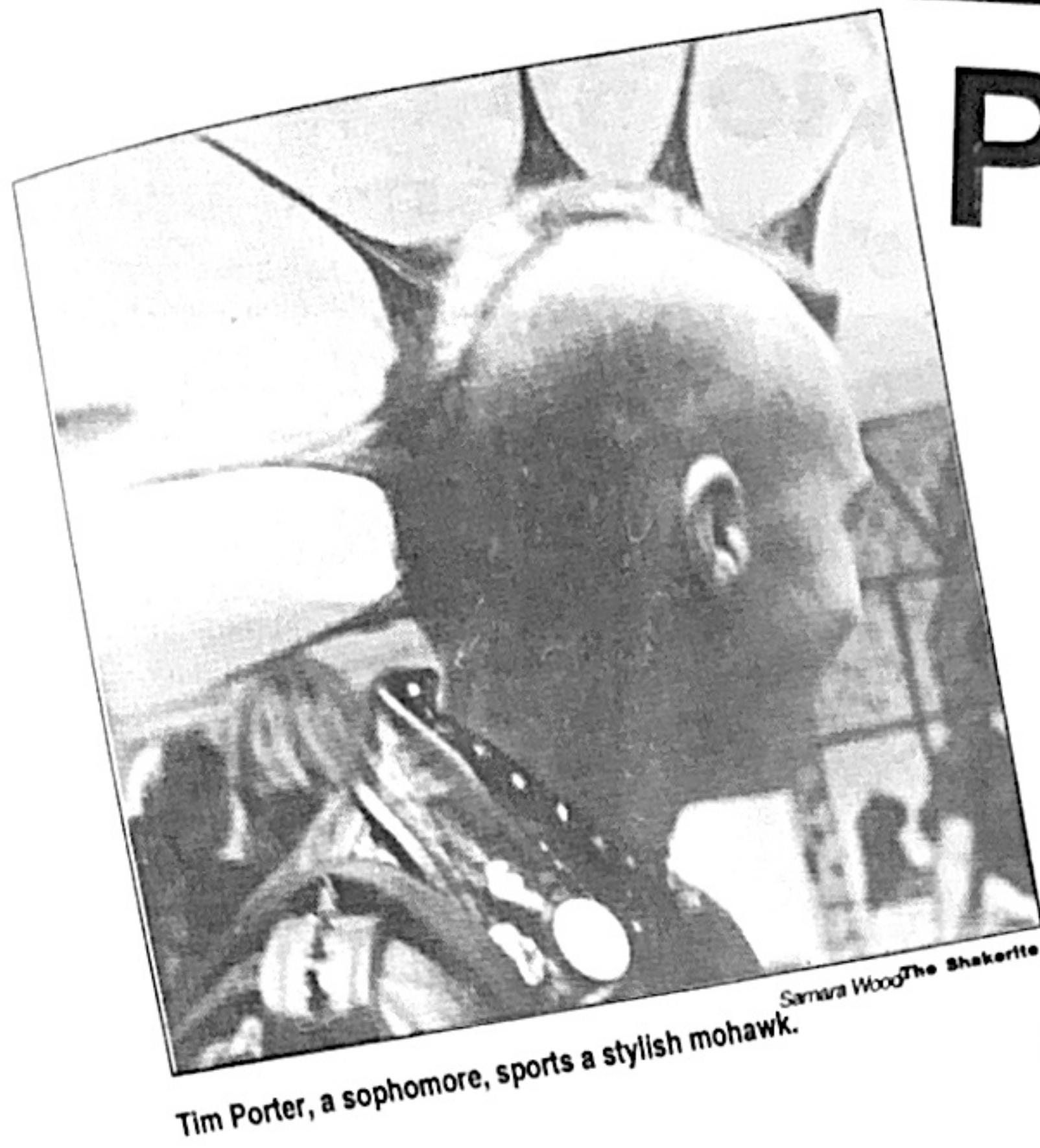


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Tim Porter, a sophomore, sports a stylish mohawk.

People have

**Feast your eyes
on some of the
more interesting
hairstyling
techniques found
at Shaker**

Freshman Isaac Stout's spikes are bright blue with purple sides.



Laura Karagoz/The Shakerite

CRAZY hair!

spiration for loud locks.

"My main reason was when I had my hair black, people thought I was a guy. My hair was short and teachers would say, 'Excuse me, sir,'" junior Eris Dyson said of her bright orange hair. Dyson said she didn't exactly get the results she expected when dying her hair. "I didn't actually chose orange. I tried to go platinum, and it ended up being orange," she said.

Senior Aurelia Friedland has been approached by students who ask lots of questions about her long, brown, red-tipped hair. "People come up to me and say,

"Did you dye your hair?" Sometimes I actually say, 'No, it's natural,'" Friedland said.

Tim Porter's style has also drawn attention from peers. "I usually get crap in the hallways, like when people try to touch me. It's kinda weird," said Porter, a sophomore who returned to school with a 6-inch spiky mohawk that changed colors almost daily, from purple to blue to green.

Adults have noticed the hairstyles, including Assistant Principal John Addison, who said he is not planning to follow the fad any time soon. "That would not

be a priority for me," he said.

On the other hand, science teacher Paul Repasy has joined right in. "I've been asked if I was the sixth Backstreet boy," Repasy said about his blond tips. He also admits to having mixed reactions from students "I've had students say they like it and then walk away laughing."

The explanation Bill Webb, a freshman, gave for his white-tipped hair is simple.

"It's just fun to do," Webb said.

What do the parents think? "It's a look," Stout's dad said. "I am not planning to adopt it."

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When Judy Garland sang, "Somewhere over the Rainbow" in 1939, the next line was not, "... spikes are blue..."

Nevertheless, the multi-hued locks of Shaker students follow a different tune. Students such as Isaac Stout, a freshman, have done away with their natural hair colors and opted for more original shades.

"I think brown hair is ugly and I get bored of it," Stout said of his blue spikes.

Boredom was not the only in-

A new way to scoot around

By Chelsea Whitman-Rush
Staff Reporter

Noticed anyone coasting around lately on one of the "new" scooters? This mode of transportation has hit the big time with teenagers once again. A revision of an old favorite, which was heavier and had bigger wheels, these two-wheeled fads come in three models: the Blade, the Razor and the Fusion. Despite their popularity, complaints about scooters are rising.

"I think it's stupid because it's so low to the ground you can't even go over bumps and

stuff," said Rama Karim, a senior whose brother owns a scooter. "It flips over."

Dan Barach, a freshman, knows the danger of scooters. "I thought the wheels could take the potholes on the driveway and I sliced my finger open," he said. The quality of the scooters is also a concern, according to Derek, who works for *Dick's Sporting Goods Store* in Cleveland. "The only thing I have heard people complain about is that they have come apart," he said.

Sue Pekoc at *Play It Again Sports* in Shaker suggested that

parents buying their kids a scooter also buy in-line skating protective gear and make sure they wear a helmet. With only nine in stock, and 50-60 sold, she said they have had "many, many requests" for the scooters.

Surprisingly, adults are catching on to the scooter frenzy as well. "I went to New York this summer, and there were businessmen carrying their briefcases and going to work on the Razors," said Katie Glass, a freshman.

So, are the scooters more functional or fashionable? "They're fashionable," Dawn



Dan Beresh, a freshman, scoots along.

Ingram, a freshman, said. "I think it's cool."

Kelly Schaefer and Liz Campbell contributed to this report

Riding around in my rocket-mobile

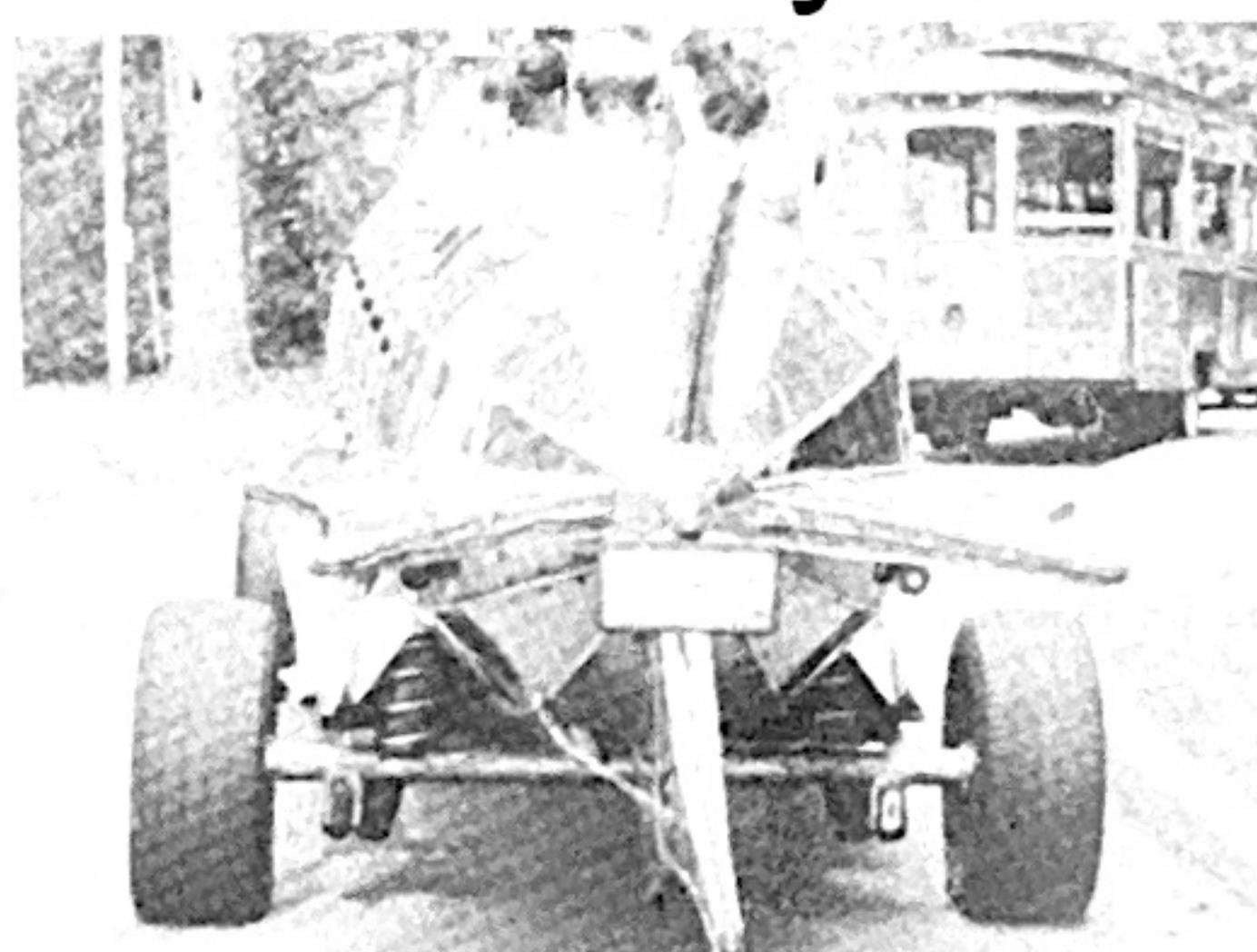
By Kate Whitney
Staff Reporter

Is it a bird? A plane? Superman? No, it's one of Ron Heitman's silver rocket cars.

The long, silver rocket cars, seen all over Cleveland and at the Shaker Heights Regatta, have never flown independently. But they did fly as part of a ride at the amusement park at Euclid Beach. When Euclid Beach Park was torn down in 1964, the merchandise was auctioned off, and eventually Heitman of South Euclid acquired two of the rockets. After a year of hard work he transformed the rockets into road-cars.

Now he and his wife use them to give tours and entertain parties around the Cleveland area. "People honk their horns and wave on the street," Heitman said. "They really bring out the best in people."

The rocket cars have been all over. They have been in the Macy's Day Parade for the past 10 years and the Indy 500 parade. Many famous beauty queens



Amine Thompson/The Shakerite

Folks take a spin in a rocket car, a vehicle created from an amusement park ride.

have also ridden in the cars, including Miss America. The cars are 28 feet long and seat 10 adults or 15 small children. They don't have roofs, so passengers can see out and wave to bystanders staring at the sight of the rocket cars and the sound of the Calypso music blasting from them.

"Riding in them is a really

thrilling experience," sophomore Merrill Maguda said. "You can feel the wind in your hair and wave at the people on the streets."

Through more than 20 years of operation and more than 100,000 rides, Heitman and his wife have never had an accident in one of these silver rockets. "The cars are very safe," Heitman

said. "All of the seats have seat belts."

The cars have become a regional landmark. "Older people in Cleveland, when you tell them that it was a Euclid Beach rocket, they know exactly what you're talking about," Heitman said. Although many people of Cleveland look at the cars as a piece of their past, young children look to them as a "tomorrow land," Heitman said.

"I would like to drive one around as my car — pick up chicks with it," senior Clint Evans said.

Evans will be happy to know that he is in luck. For \$150 an hour, Evans and nine of his friends, with Heitman or his wife driving, of course, can do just that.

Not all students are as enthusiastic about the cars.

"I hate them, because they make me think that the ice cream truck is coming, when in reality it's just a stupid thing with wheels," Emily Pfaff, a sophomore, complained.

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Shaker graduate's movie is a hit

• Jamie Babbit's Shaker training prepared her to make it big in movies and television

By Jess Strange
Staff Reporter

Babbit, who graduated from Shaker in 1989, started out on stage in the Large Auditorium and has now moved behind the scenes to write and direct the well-received independent film, *But I'm A Cheerleader*. The movie satirizes the ex-gay movement, which claims to "cure" people of homosexuality.

Babbit joined Junior Ensemble as a freshman in 1984 and so began her acting career. According to James Thornton, chair of the Theater Department, Babbit pursued acting in college but realized it wasn't the life she wanted.

"It just wasn't for her," said Thornton, whom Babbit named as a mentor when discussing her film at its Cleveland debut. Thornton said Babbit chose writing and directing instead.

Babbit's tour with Shaker theater included stints as a stage manager, perhaps the precursor to her current career. According to Thornton, Babbit was very diligent in all that she did for the Shaker Theater Dept.

"She works really hard and is also really talented. She had a sense of what she wanted and is willing to sacrifice," Thornton said.

In *But I'm a Cheerleader*, Babbit's Shaker years are evident and heavily satirized. Babbit's mother, Nikki, once directed New Directions, a rehabilitation center for drug users. According to her mom, Babbit spent a lot of time there and therefore understood the rehab process. Babbit said she learned about the 12-step philosophy of recovery there. Not surprisingly, the gender/sexuality rehab center in the film is dubbed True Directions, and the ludicrous therapy offered

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JAMIE BABBIT
On working in the film industry



Courtesy of the Babbit family

Babbit and Thornton met again, years after Babbit participated in the high school's theater department, the weekend of her movie's opening at the Cedar Lee.

there is based on the 12-step approach.

Babbit's film career began in New York, where she attended Columbia University. Babbit said aspiring filmmakers should start out in Manhattan or Los Angeles.

"It's difficult to do it elsewhere, which is sad, but true," Babbit said. Babbit said the internships she undertook each semester helped her become an artist by exposing her to the real film world.

Babbit said she met a lot of people who helped her out a lot in the long run and that contacts are a very important part of the film industry. "Persistence is really important," she said. "You don't have the luxury of not working."

Babbit's theater experience has paid off in a TV gig as well. She is currently directing *Popular*, which airs Fridays at 9 p.m. The WB drama set in high school depicts cliques, couples and serious issues. Babbit landed the director's role when a contact in New York thought she would effectively bring his vision for the show to reality.

Babbit expressed no preference for either TV or film. She said movies take a full year or more to create, while only eight days are needed to create one hour of TV. "I enjoy the instant gratification of TV. However with TV, there's not a lot of choice," Babbit said. "The thing that's great about directing [films] is you control everything."

Babbit is currently working on two films. *Conjugating Kate*, which Babbit said will have broader commercial appeal than *Cheerleader*, features a girl who is a nanny. *The Itty Bitty Titty Committee*, another indie flick, focuses on revolutionary girls.

"I would like to encourage more girls to go into directing," Babbit said. "I really wish someone had encouraged me at an earlier age. The earlier you start, the better you are when you're my age."



Babbit's film, *But I'm a Cheerleader*, played at the Cedar Lee. Babbit was there to welcome fans and do a Q & A the weekend it opened.



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Music

Papa Roach Infest

After the release of their first album, *Infest*, Papa Roach's popularity has exploded into mainstream America. Unlike many bands receiving air play on radio and MTV, Papa Roach actually oozes with talent, which is apparent in their music and lyrics. There are 11 tracks on the CD, and all of them are to showcase Papa Roach's musical diversity. There is even a secret track in which they play a great reggae song.

Papa Roach's lyrics really have something to say, instead of just rapping about nothing or singing about love. Lead singer, Coby Dick, sings about teenage problems, like suicidal tendencies, living in broken families and life-controlling obsessions. On "Between Angels and Insects," he sings "You're a slave to the system, working jobs that you hate, for that s— you don't need. There's no money, there's no possessions, only obsessions, I don't need that s—."

Papa Roach is similar to early Incubus, another hard rock band. However, Papa Roach has definitely added their own unique touch to the music.

This CD is highly recommended to anyone who likes good music and is happy to see that a good band is actually getting airplay for a change of pace.



Sean Ferguson

out of four

Movies

Whipped

Starring: Amanda Peet, & Zorie Barber
Rated: R

Finally a movie has come along in which a woman beats chauvinist, hormone-driven men at their own game. If only the woman didn't insist on sinking to the men's level to win.

In the movie *Whipped*, three bachelors gather every Sunday at a Manhattan coffee shop to brag of their week's misadventures with women. Brad (Van Holt) is an arrogant Wall Street businessman. Zeke (Barber) is an artsy, alternative screenplays writer. And Jon

But I'm a Cheerleader

Starring: Natasha Lyonne, RuPaul Charles, Clea DuVall
Rated: R

Megan is your typical high school cheerleader. She's pretty, popular and dates a football player. Her parents and friends don't think she's so typical, though, and they're not afraid to question her sexuality. Their motivation? Megan doesn't like kissing her boyfriend, has a Melissa Ethridge poster hanging in her room and is a vegetarian. Obvious evidence, of course, that Megan is a lesbian. In a panic, her parents send her off to True Directions, a straight camp, where Megan is compelled to take a journey to find what the camp director insists is her true self.

But I'm A Cheerleader will make you laugh, smile and maybe even cry. This hilarious love story and satire of the ex-gay movement is a must see.

Jess Strange

out of four

Tao Of Steve

Starring: Greer Goodman, Donal Logue
Rated: R

Dex is an elementary school teacher, highly educated in spirituality. He's at his prime when it comes to women, having won the affection of several in spite of his less than glamorous appearance. He tries to teach his housemate, Dave, the secret to his prowess — the Tao of Steve. Steve is a fictional, idealized American guy Dex looks to for guidance in romance. The three steps to the philosophy are eliminating desire, proving or showing excellence in something and retreatism. The Tao of Steve helps Dex until he meets Syd, a woman with whom he's truly falling in love. Suddenly Dex realizes his technique is flawed. Playing at the Cedar Lee, this romantic comedy, featuring Shaker graduate Dana Goodman ('92), is a pleasure to watch.



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(Abrahams) is a basically nice guy who is shy around women. They spend their time together dreaming of a sexual fantasy involving the three of them and another woman.

Then Mia (Peet) comes into their lives. Among the actors, Peet is the only one with a hint of talent, and this movie certainly doesn't showcase it. The script was unimaginative and beneath her as an actress. Zeke, Brad and Jon each meet Mia separately and begin dating her. They all boast about meeting the perfect girl, until they find out that she's the same woman. Mia leads the three to believe that it is just a coincidence, which is far from the truth, and soon they are all head over heels for her. Little do the three know, they are being scammed. As the movie goes on, it is obvious that Mia is far from a dream girl. Mia is conniving and manipulative. Her idea of teaching men a lesson is good one, but the way she does it is an embarrassment to women. *Whipped* is a miserable failure as a sex comedy and comes across as raunchy and downright crude.

Rebecca Wolff

out of four

Musical pair shines in Shaker and beyond

•The dynamic freshman orientation duo are great, on and off stage

By Francesca Klein
& Meryl Kramer
Staff Reporter & A&E co-editor

Nervous ninth graders shuffled through the door of the Large Auditorium. As the freshman orientation assembly went on, new arrivals to the high school were bombarded with advice from upperclassmen and met with high expectations from adults. Finally, after a litany of lectures, a welcome dose of tranquility arrived when Isabelle Tuma and Brandon McCafferty took over.

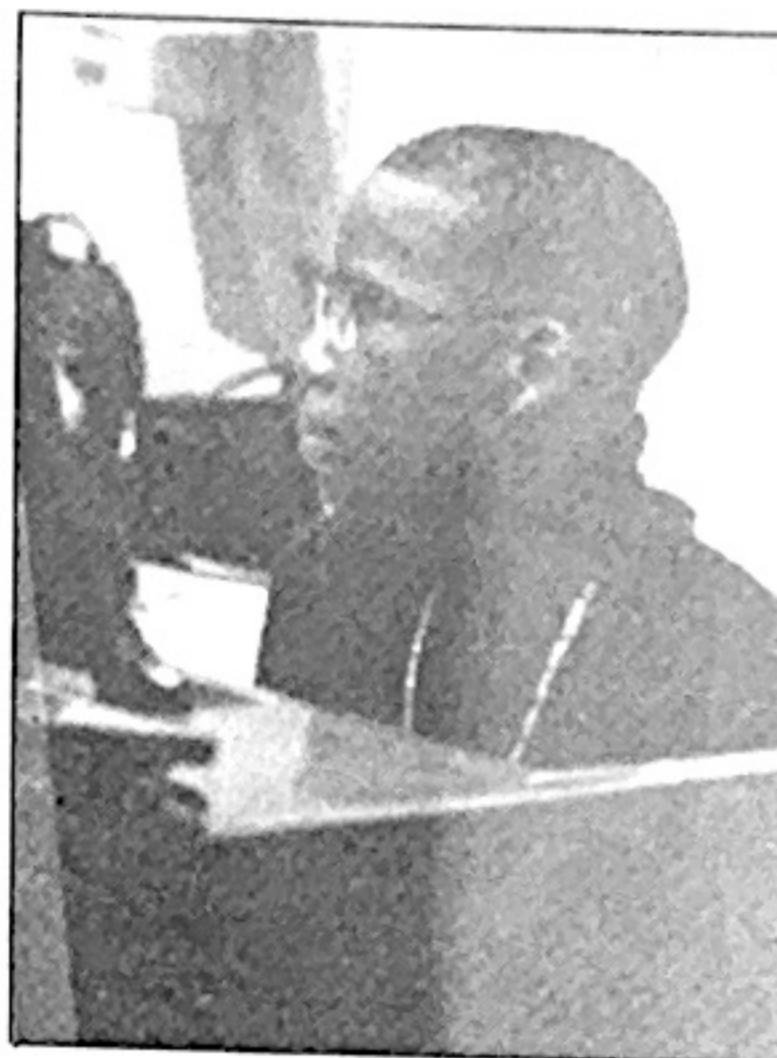
McCafferty approached the piano as Tuma grabbed the mike. All nervousness ceased as the two wowed the crowd with a gripping rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The two sophomores are good friends and gifted musicians who have both sung since preschool, are presently in Chanticleers and Sankofa, come from musical families, and sing and play piano for church choirs.

"We believe in music," Tuma said. "There is always a continuous hum."

McCafferty along with Tuma have exciting musical experiences but cite different artists as inspiration for them.

McCafferty plays piano for his cousin's jazz band and recently joined them at their appearance at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Since his singing debut as a 4-year-old in church, McCafferty



Armine Thompson/The Shakerite

"Jazz, R&B, and a little bit of pop music shape my style," says McCafferty

has been encouraged musically by his mom, who used to play the drums. McCafferty also looks up to D'Angelo and the jazz pianist Arthur Tatum as role models.

Tuma finds musical motivation from her mentor, Lena Horne. "Ever since I did a report on her in third or fourth grade, she

has been my role model. She has an amazing voice and broke color barriers," Tuma said. Horne was a jazz vocalist whose career began in 1930s. As an African-American, she overcame discrimination to succeed.

Aside from music, Tuma keeps busy as president of the sophomore class. She plays violin in orchestra and plays the piano. While McCafferty's first prior-



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Tuma and McCafferty sound great when performing together, as Shaker found out at this year's freshman orientation.

place in my mind."

Although both want to have music in their lives forever, they have different ideas for doing so.

McCafferty hopes to take music theory soon to prepare for becoming a music producer.

"I love music, but I don't necessarily want to make it my life," she said. "I want to become a doctor. I love helping others. It's almost the same feeling I get when I am singing."

Meanwhile, the two have a few years left to impress audiences. They recently performed their "Amazing Grace" duet at the Playhouse

"You can't mess with 'Amazing Grace,'" Tuma said. "It will always be Amazing Grace no matter who or how it is sung. It gives me the shivers when other people sing it."



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The ups and downs of movie hotspots

•Cleveland movie theaters have been renovated and renewed, but does that make them better? The Shakerite decided to inspect various theaters and judge their good and bad points.

Cedar Lee Theater

Meryl Kramer
A&E co-editor

HIGH: Not only does this independent theater offer special prices for different groups of people almost every day, for example senior citizens, but they play movies you won't find at your average theater like independent and foreign films.

LOW: The Cedar Lee has individually small theaters which you would think would be easy to keep clean, however they seem to be lacking in this area.

Cinemark Macedonia

Julie Redline & Lia Silver
Centerpiece co-editors

HIGH: Reclining seats are great and it has a fun video arcade.

LOW: This expensive theater isn't really in our neighborhood, a good 20 minute drive to get there.

Loews 20 Richmond

Leah Kaufman
A&E co-editor

HIGH: This theater is great, with big and comfy seats, the sound is great and the screen is clear.

LOW: At \$7.50 how much less can you expect?

Magic Johnson Theater

Sara Reichstein
A&E co-editor

HIGH: Ever in need of filing a complaint, asking a question, giving a compliment or just wanting to know where to go in a theater? Magic Johnson has a customer service station for your every need.

LOW: This theater is known for its massive crowds which can be a pain.

Mayfield 10

Emily Gross
Staff Reporter

HIGH: Coming here is an all around pleasant experience. The seats are

cushiony, the sound is loud and perfect, and the screen is the clearest in town! Not to mention, there isn't a bad seat in the house, they mapped seating out quite well.

LOW: It's a shame that this theater can't keep a clean bathroom and is a bit expensive.

Severance 14

Leah Kaufman
Staff Reporter

HIGH: Known for its friendly service, this theater is big and fun and right next to the middle of Severance Mall, which is next to a great food court.

LOW: The inhouse concession stands can get quite expensive.

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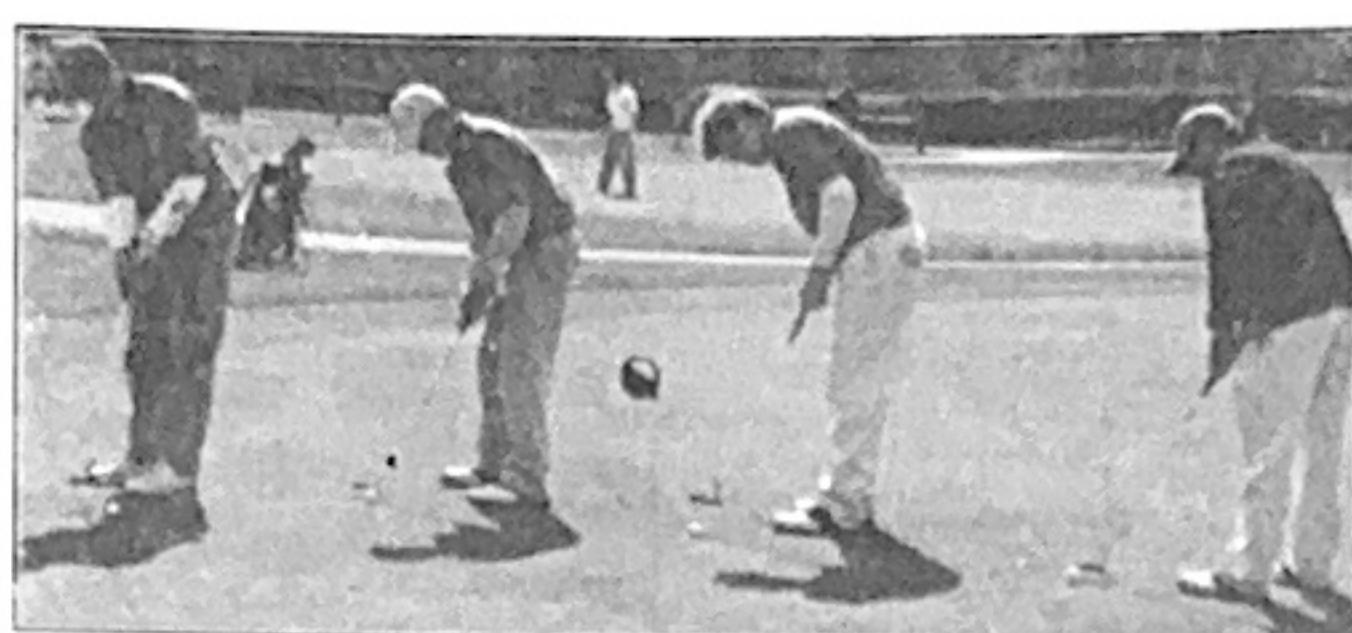
[hamsterdance.com](#)- This is just a fun and games site to watch a really funny hamsterdance. Check em all out!

Meryl Kramer, Sara Reichstein, and Sean Ferguson

Websites
Check out Shaker's most useful and most fun picks

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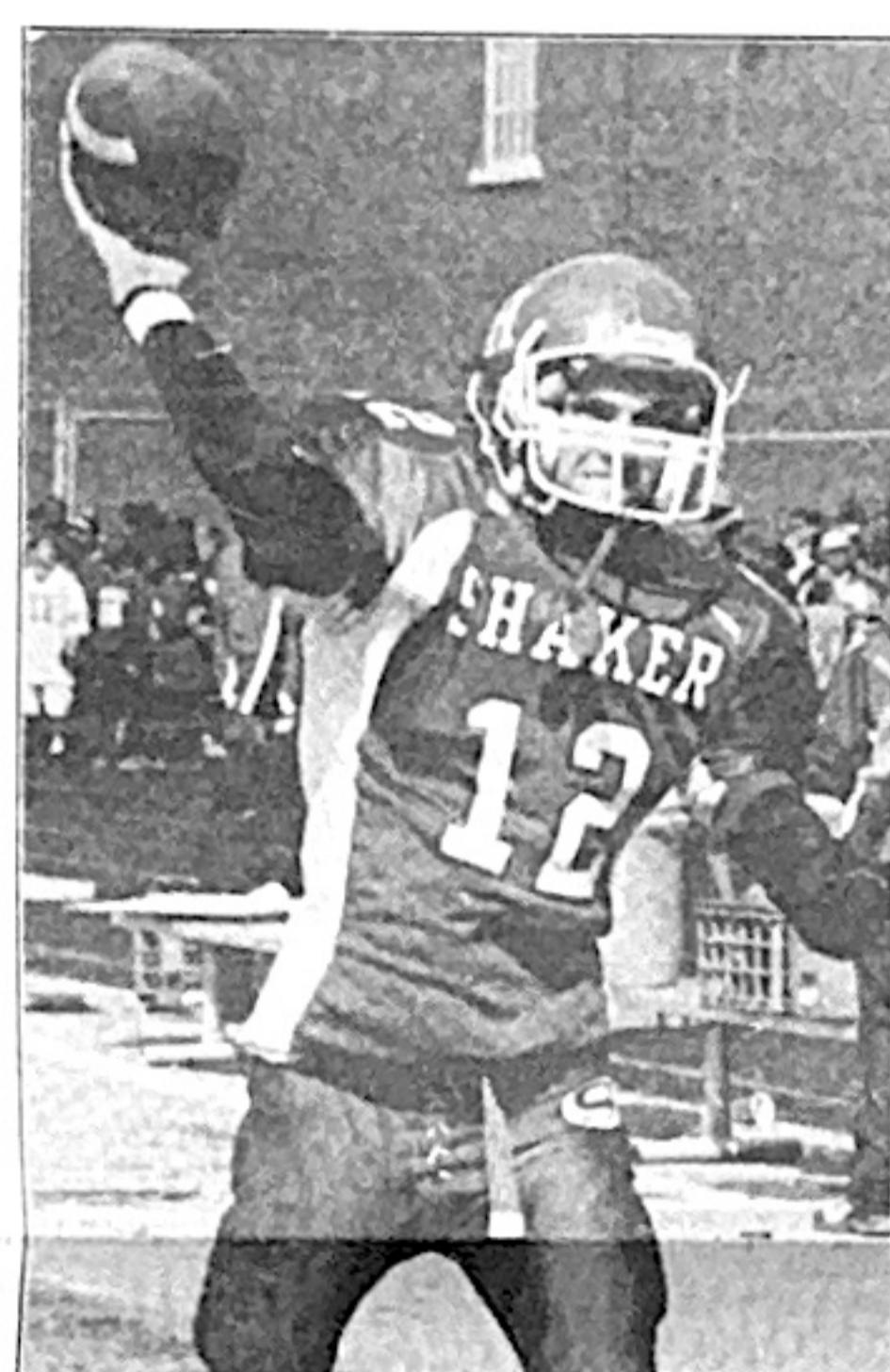
Sport Session



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Raiders give their all in fall

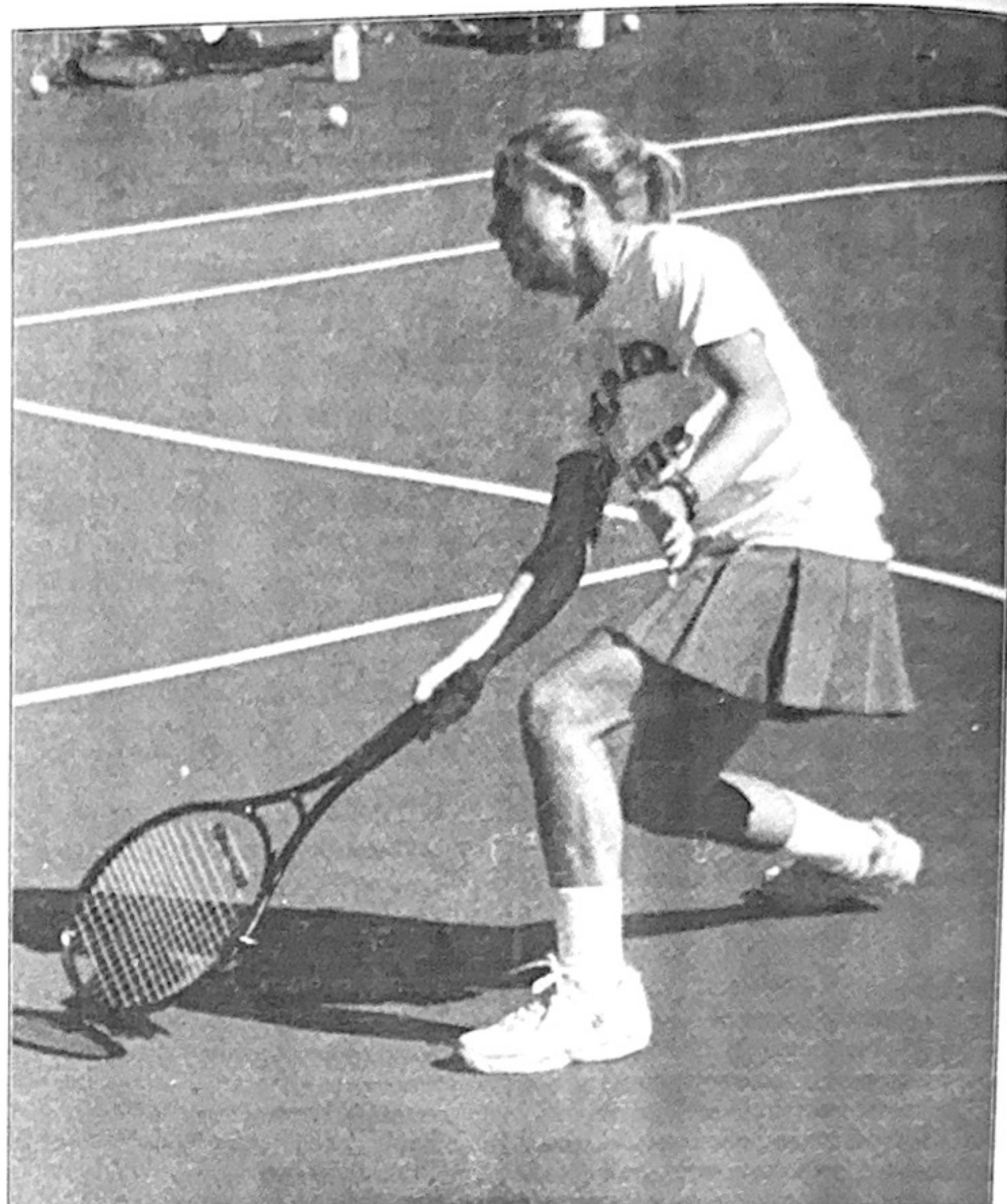
By Eric Edelsberg
Sports Co-editor

This fall season Shaker varsity sports teams are overachieving in a big way.

The men's soccer team is a stellar 8-2-1, despite having to overcome many injuries and the change of staff and players.

"The season wasn't looking optimistic at the beginning. Now we've proved to be one of the better Shaker soccer teams ever, and hopefully we will win the LEL championship for the second time ever," said senior midfielder Zac Cooper.

The women's soccer team is 3-5-1, but according to Shira Polster, a freshman, "We have improved a ton from the beginning of the season."

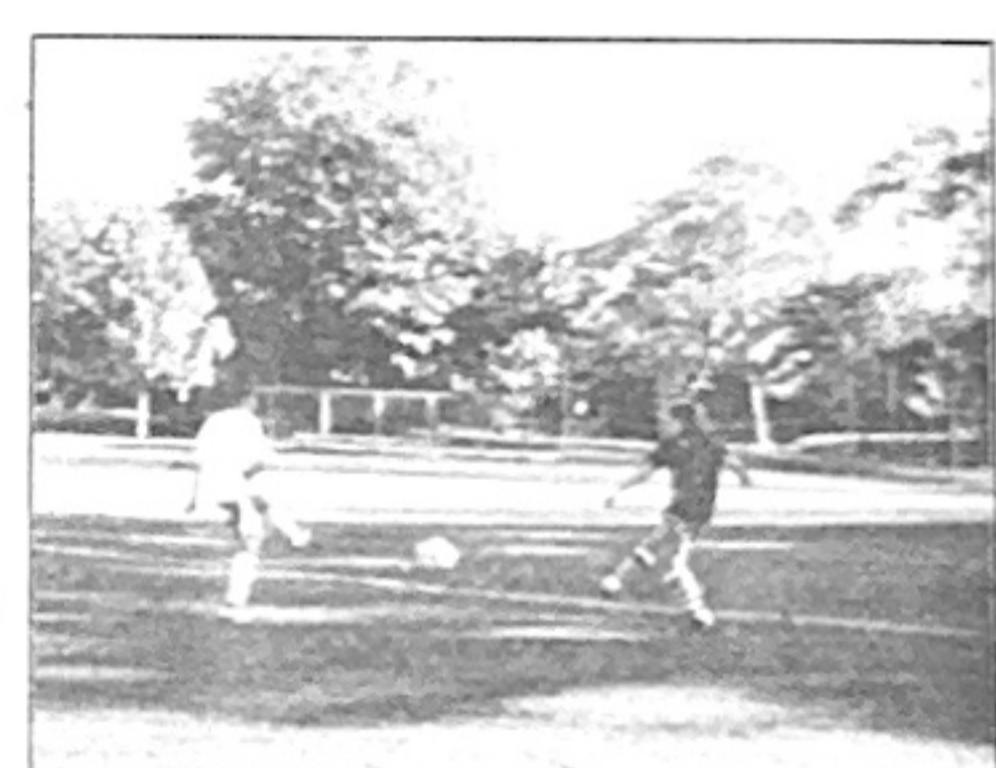


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Clockwise from top left: Matt Smith, Robbie Markt, Sam Zimmer and Jeremy Katz putt before their round. Junior Lauren Gibbons prepares to volley. Senior link Alyson Gilbride takes a whack at the ball. Sarah Mulligan kicks the ball to Amy Gross during a weekday practice. Elliot Lyons and Joe Wren prepare to take a practice run. Cross-country runners smile after finishing a race. Meredith Jones, Ariel Heilbron and teammates celebrate a point won with high fives. Starting quarterback James Stephens warms up before a game. Midfielder Steve Wilson sprints up the field with the ball, looking to pass or score.



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because Slaw is much more serious and we realize if we want to win states bad enough we need to make sacrifices for it to happen," said junior singles player Lauren Gibbons.

The Raider Football was undefeated at press time with a record of 5-0. They were ranked number three by the *Plain Dealer* this week.

"Our success has come from conditioning and our excellent coaching staff,"

senior running back Jason Wright said. "Everyone's a tough opponent, but we're anticipating the Lakewood and Cleveland Heights games."

The women's volleyball team is one of the best in the area and they show it, with a 12-2 record. Inshira Grimes, a junior and starting middle hitter for the team said, "We all worked very hard in the preseason and it's all going to pay off in the end."

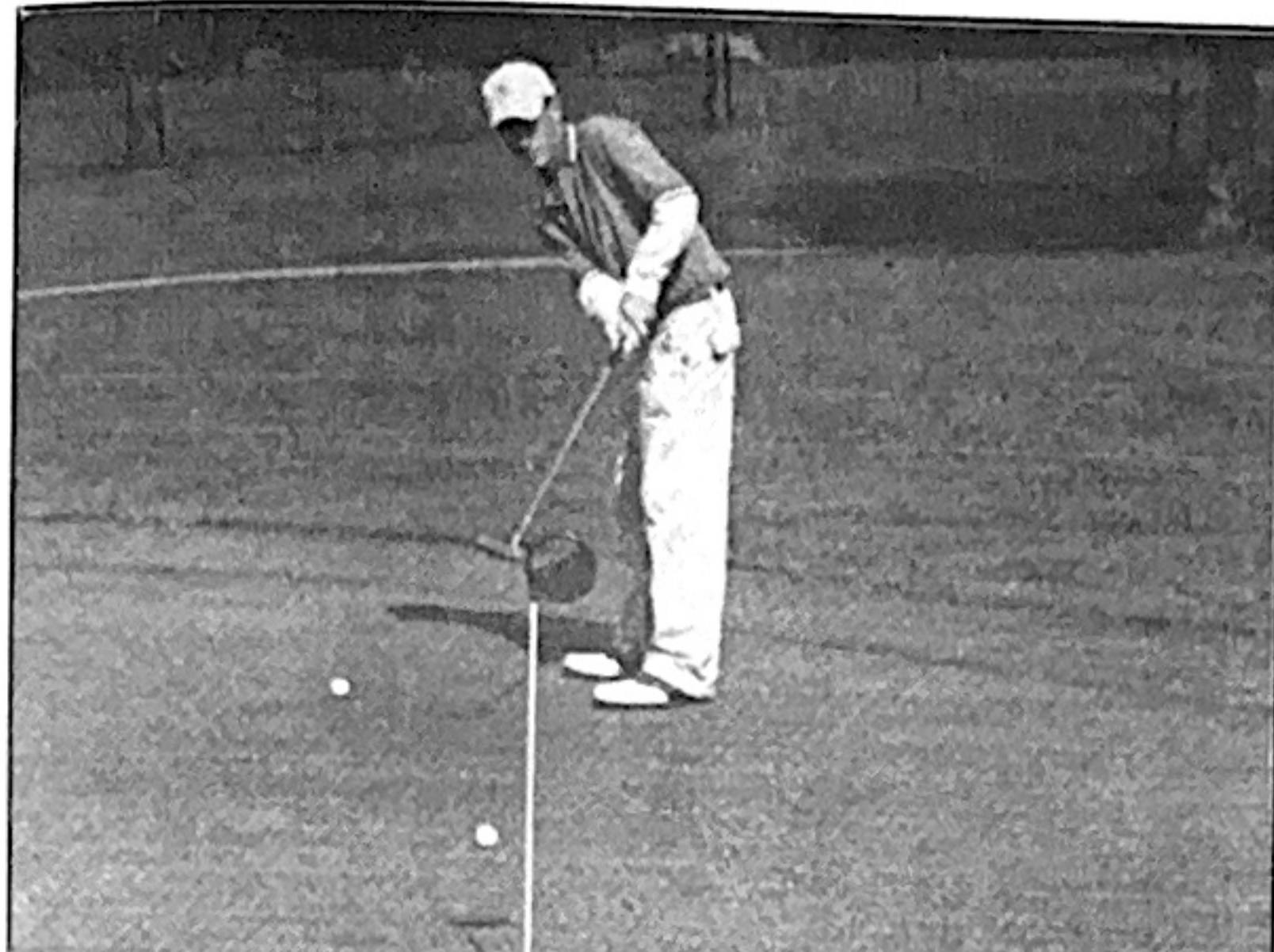
The men's golf team is on the way to its first winning record in recent history with a 19-9 record. "We have good team leadership, which shows in our seniors, and this is why we have the record that we do," said junior number three player Jeremy Katz.

Both men's and women's cross country teams are very optimistic. They do not have official records, but according to sophomore Krystal Turner, "We are working very hard, and we hope to place very high in the LEL."

"We are working extremely hard and we are going to kick it into high gear for the LEL," said freshman Benaud Jones.

Raiders Shine in the Fall

- Zimmer helps golf team jump start season



Sam Zimmer is preparing for a match against Chanel as he puts on the green.

Andy Powers/ The Shakerette

Name: Sam Zimmer

Year: senior

Position: Co-Captain

Teammate's Comment: "I think Sam is a good golfer and has a very positive attitude toward the team." Drew Kolb, senior

Plans For the Future: "I want to be all LEL, have the top five scoring averages and our team to win the LEL Championships," said Zimmer. In addition, Zimmer plans to walk-on to the golf team in college.

Coach's Comment: "Sam is one of the best golfers I've ever had, and he's one of the top 10 high school golfers in the greater Cleveland area in my opinion." Bob Wonson, head coach

MEN'S SOCCER SUCCESS

FROM PAGE 16

With the winning combination of strong senior leadership, freshman talent and the fresh face of a new coaching staff, the Raiders have become a force to be reckoned with in the LEL. With a record of 8-2-1, this reinvented team has established itself as a northeast Ohio soccer powerhouse and a strong contender for the league title, which would be Shaker's first since 1996.

It took some time for adjustment, but the athletes and their new coaches have produced admirable results.

"The different style of coaching was difficult to get used to," junior Chris Fuentes said.

Senior marking back Ben Woodcock said time made the difference. "At first there wasn't the coaching leadership that we have had before. Things came together when we accepted the change and ended up liking the coaches better than we expected."

Assistant Coach Nate Harger attributes the team's successes to the practice and focus of his players, not the style of coaching.

"The kids have been playing all different positions and accepting the challenges of doing so," Harger said. "They use practice as a test [of their ability]."

Last Tuesday, Shaker sought revenge on Mentor. The Raiders triumphed in a 2-0 shutout, which proved their capabilities to both their rivals and themselves. "We really came together for the big games," senior Josh Polster said.

Junior Marco Brown, the team's leading scorer, tallied both goals — one unassisted and one with the help of senior defender Zac Cooper. Also leading the solid offense are juniors Jason Scudamore and Tristan Ribar. Playing tough in the midfield are seniors Steve Wilson and Josh Polster. Rookie Cam Cameron has also contributed to the scoring machine.

"It's been tough being the freshman," Cameron said, "[My teammates] are a lot bigger, older and experienced, but they've made me feel comfortable about the transition to high school soccer."

On the other end of the field, sophomore goalie Luke Antal enjoyed his third shutout of the season by holding Mentor score-

less. Antal, who originally played a field position, is a first-year varsity keeper.

"Luke is such a great team player," Woodcock said. "He stepped up to play goalie this year, and he's proven himself as a leader. Anytime we start to slack, Luke picks up the tempo for the entire team."

Although the Raiders have apparent strengths in their front line and in the net, the foundation of the team is defense. With co-captains Cooper and Woodcock, senior Kiron Goodings and sophomores John Goheen and Matt Ruzic in the backfield, Antal

"Just being in the lead of the LEL is a big accomplishment."

JASON SCUDAMORE
junior forward

has plenty of help.

"Zac [Cooper] has taken the responsibility as a leader on the team," Assistant Coach Harger said. "He's also one of the best defenders in the state."

On Saturday, the Raiders faced another emotionally-charged contest when they met Hawken, the team Sweeney left Shaker to coach. The Raiders fell, 3-2.

"It was tough playing against Sweeney," Fuentes said. "It was tough knowing his coaching tactics and realizing what we had to do to beat him."

A native of Canada, Sweeney was treated to a variety of pre-game jokes. Shaker ate Canadian bacon, and blared the Canadian National Anthem and the South Park favorite "Blame Canada," all to no avail.

Brown scored two goals, reaching 15 for the season. Scudamore and Ribar added assists.

Having overcome graduation, coaching changes and injuries, the Raiders has earned a shot at the LEL title. They played Normandy Wednesday for that honor. A win would give them the outright title, while a loss would mean a co-championship.

"I'm most proud of the fact that our team has really stuck together — most importantly in the difficult games," Scudamore said. "Just being in the lead of the LEL is a big accomplishment."

New rules impact athletes

By Marianne Cronin
Sports Co-Editor

fact, they are effecting every student athlete and coach in the state.

One of the largest changes this year is the required course load of five courses per semester. Failure to pass these classes results in removal from the team with no option to take credits over at summer school.

According to sophomore, three-sport athlete Tyler Smith, the extra work may affect both academic and athletic performance. Smith, who participates in soccer, basketball and track, is skeptical about the added requirements. "Because the work load is harder, grades might drop a little, and the extra work will affect time used to practice and individual athletic skills."

As athletes express their feelings of discontent about the new rule, administrators are hopeful for the message that the guidelines will send. "I think it's a good rule," Dr. William Newby said. "Our goal is to produce scholar-athletes, and this is putting the emphasis on raising scholarship."

• Rucker leads Shaker's 2000 tennis team



Laura Englehardt/The Shakerette

Junior Amber Rucker was all-LEL last year. She plays number three singles and is undefeated in 2000.

Name: Amber Rucker

Year: junior

Achievement: Last year Rucker made all LEL. This year Rucker is undefeated, playing third singles.

Teammate's Comment: "She is a big part of the team, because she is intense and is one of the few people who works 100 percent all year-round." Liz Swary, senior

Plans For the Future: Rucker would like to go to states and plans on attending college and playing tennis.

Coach's Comment: "Amber is an excellent competitor. She works for every point. She's a great athlete who is an extremely important part of our team." Allan Slawson, head coach.

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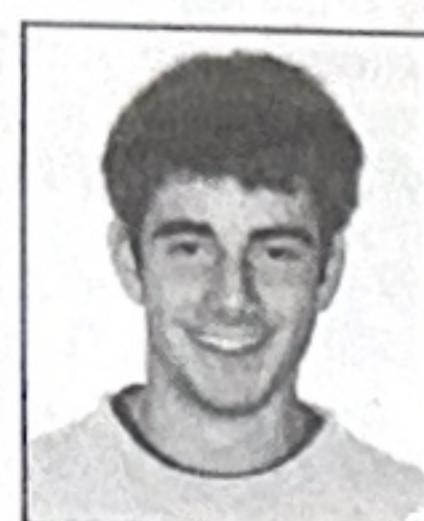
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Amid the back school rush of schedule changes, school supplies and Saturday sports events, Shaker students are pondering the crucial question, "Where's Borko?" Borko Tesic, a senior from Yugoslavia, spent one year at Shaker as a student and a standout number one singles player on Allan Slawson's powerhouse state championship team. Tesic, who stayed with the Wonsons for his one-year tenure, is now attending Elyria Catholic due to the OHSAA immigration law. The law states that a student from a foreign country may only attend public school for one year and may participate in an interscholastic sport only if they meet all eligibility requirements set by the state of Ohio. "We definitely miss having him around," Mary Ann Wonson said. "But his choice was to attend Elyria Catholic or go home."

OHSAA rules, both new and old, are not just affecting Tesic and other exchange students. In



SPORTS

By Eric Edelsberg
Sports Co-editor

Shaker's still number two?

Shaker's varsity sports are considered some of the top in the area. We consistently have some of the best athletes and teams in the state, with consistently successful seasons. The majority of Shaker's varsity sports finish their seasons above .500. So why in the past three years has Shaker had only one state title?

Shaker has had the best team in the state in plenty of sports, numerous times. Yet almost every time we can't get over the hump.

One of the painful memories that comes to mind is the '98-'99 basketball team, which ran over every team they played, got to Columbus, beat up on a team in the semifinals, and then were absolutely destroyed in the first three quarters of the finals. When the fourth quarter came along the team decided they better play like they had all season. The Raiders still ended up losing. The squad was by far the best in the state, led by a point guard who currently starts for the Tennessee Volunteers and who led them to the NCAA Sweet 16 last year. Everyone knew that Shaker was the best, even the Cincinnati Moeller team who miraculously beat them.

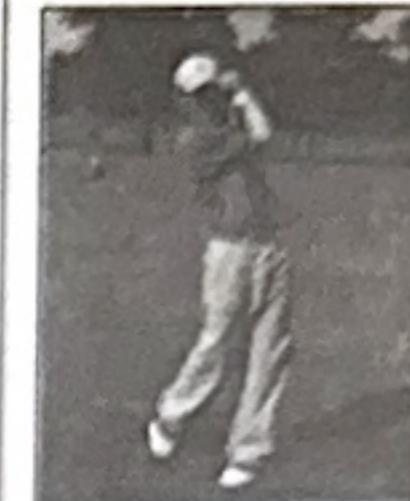
How about the '97-'98 hockey team? Wow, they were something special -- until losing to Bowling Green in the finals. The game seemed wrapped up by the time the third period started, when Shaker realized, "If we play a half way decent period we'll be state champs." And what happened? They lost a three-goal lead and ended up losing in overtime.

Let's not forget about the '99-'00 girls lacrosse team, which went 16-0 until getting to the championship game, where they were losing 8-5 in the final 1:30 in the game. The team made an unbelievable comeback to send the game into overtime. With all that momentum, the game should have been theirs, but no. The winning goal ended up hitting the crossbar in overtime and Shaker lost for the first time all season.

These are just a couple examples of Shaker varsity teams that have powerful rosters, complete a great regular season and continue their success in the playoffs. Until the finals come along and Shaker chokes.

So what's the answer? The men's tennis team won state's last year. We have some of the best athletes every year -- that's not the problem. There really is no problem, it's just a matter of winning the big games and having the experience of playing in big games. Who knows? We might win a couple of state titles this year.

raiders of the month



Zimmer and Rucker rule the green and the court

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Shaker soccer holds their own

• New coach, new players and a new attitude make 2000 season a certified success

By Marianne Cronin
Sports Co-editor

In 1999, the men's soccer team forged through the regular season, beating powerhouses Willoughby and Hawken and compiling a regular season record of 12-4-2. After shutting out Chardon 5-0 in first round tournament play, the Raiders were set to battle Mentor, the 1999 LEL champions. With the score frozen at 0-0 and 8 minutes left to play, a questionable call led to a penalty kick that put Mentor ahead 1-0.

The Raiders never recovered.

Moving ahead to the 2000 season, the graduation of six starting seniors and the loss of key player Dasan Robinson to Elyria Catholic left the Raiders with a squad of eight juniors — and lots of big shoes to fill.

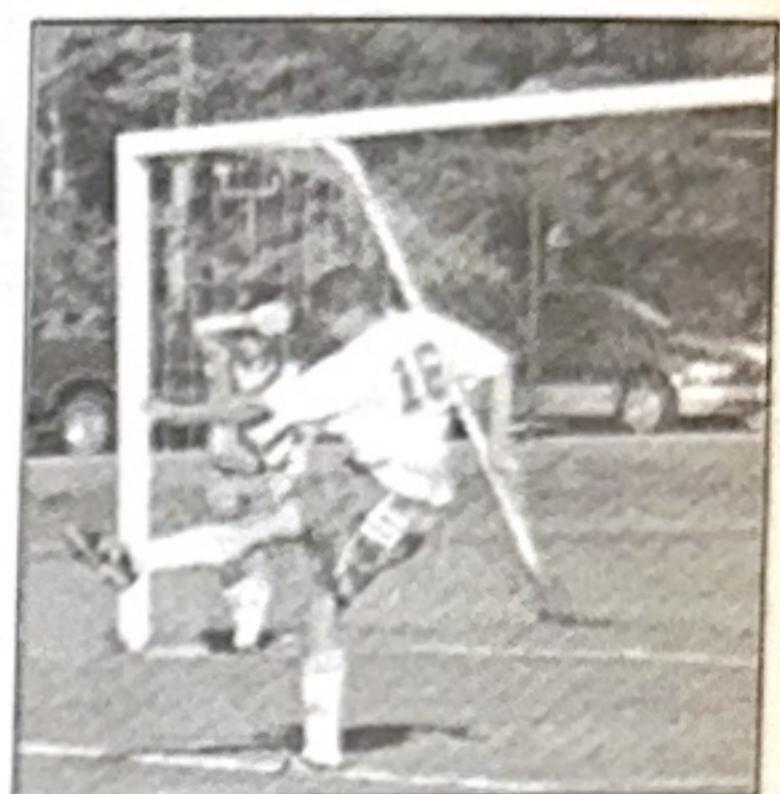
In addition to the loss of seven key players, the resignation of coach Patrick Sweeney, who guided the program for six years, left the young squad without a proven leader. New coaches, Skip and Nathan Harger, faced the challenge of coaching a squad that was

plagued by injuries. John Goheen, Jason Scudamore and Ben Woodcock all sustained sidelining injuries that shook up the Raider's starting line up and dropped Shaker to 21 on the Plain Dealer list of top area teams.

So, given all the obstacles the men's soccer team has faced so far, you wouldn't expect much in the way of success, and rivals shouldn't have much to fear.

Surprise! Many pleasant surprises, that is.

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Katie Nelson/The Shakerite
Scott Chisolm, a senior defenseman, puts the ball in play.

Raiders get pumped!



David Mayers/The Shakerite

Senior defenders Zach Graham (92) and Mike Moore (75), collaborate for a tackle against Euclid, as Brandon Proctor (86) pursues the ball. Shaker Football won the game, 21-0 and is currently undefeated with a record of 5-0. For more on all of Shaker's nine fall sports teams, see page 14.

Volleyball team starts making noise in LEL

By Matt Wallace and Ashley Davies
Staff Reporters

With a five-game winning streak and a 12-2 record, the Shaker women's volleyball squad is poised to crack The Plain Dealer top 10.

Recently ranked eleventh in the PD poll, the Raiders are 5-2 in the LEL behind the performance of senior captains and four-year veterans Ariel Heilbron and Tracy Jacobs.

In 1999, with a 7-5 record, the Raiders finished third in the LEL, behind Elyria and Mentor, the only teams to defeat Shaker this season, as of Sept. 26.

This year's success comes from experience. Shaker lost only three players to graduation and Head Coach Staci Bongini is back for her third year at the helm.

The team has also been relatively injury-free, with only one injury to junior Kendra Agee, who is sidelined from recent shoulder surgery. But this setback has not diminished her optimism.

"We want to win sectionals and districts. We want to beat Elyria and Mentor the second

time around," Agee said.

Senior middle blocker Erin Riley said Shaker excels when it unites in a goal.

"When we play as a team we do really well," Riley said. "When we put aside individual feelings we can accomplish a lot more."

Despite the consecutive losses to rivals Elyria and Mentor, the Raiders are still hopeful about their season and upcoming tournament play.

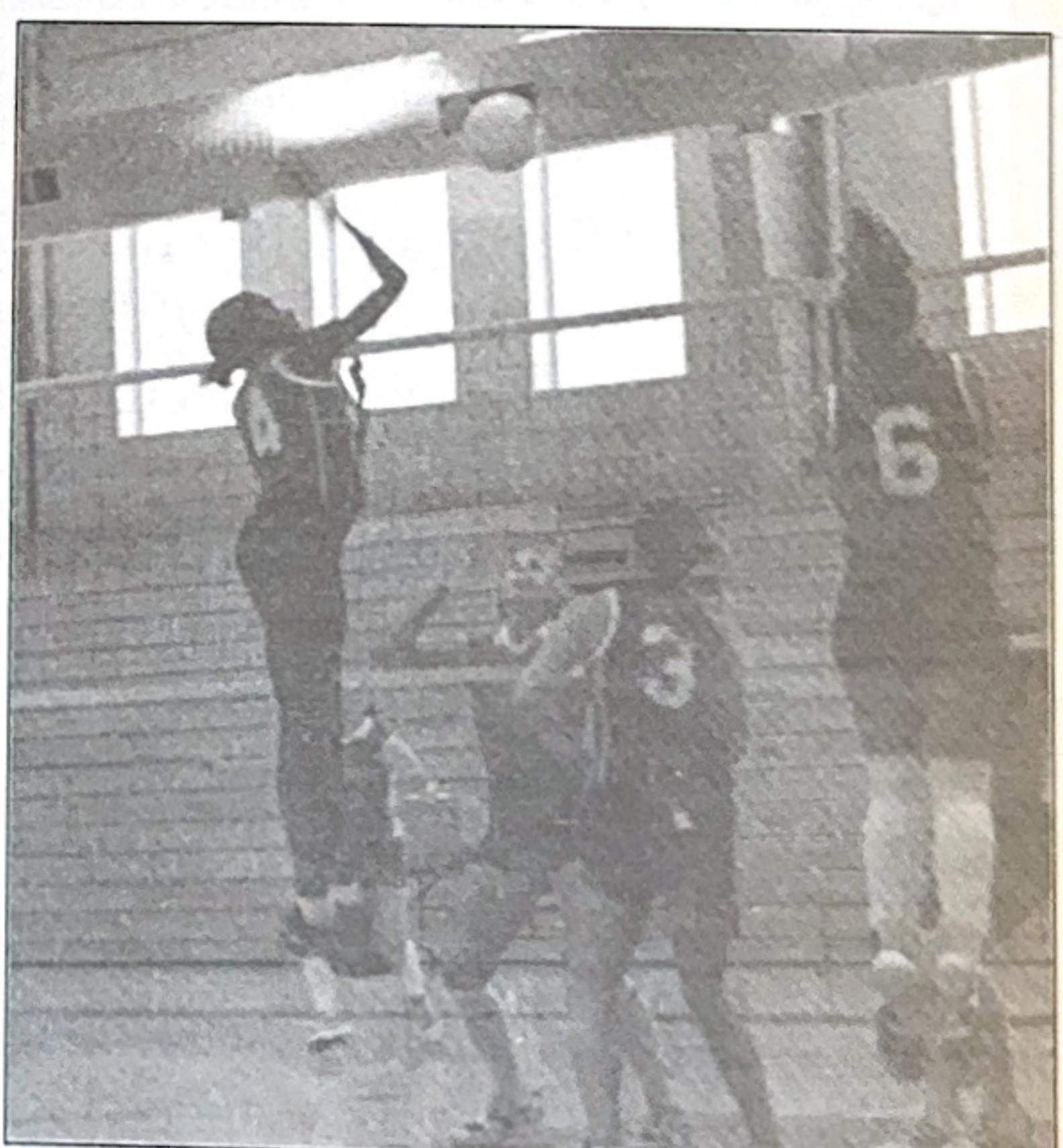
"Even if we lost two big games, I still have really high expectations for this team," Jacobs said.

The talent on the Raider squad is evident as several seniors have the attention of colleges around the country.

Among them is Riley, who earned All-LEL honors in 1999 and is being recruited by Georgetown and Northern Illinois.

Senior Meredith Jones said that despite what happens, the team has had an impressive season.

"We worked really hard, and we'll all come out of the season with really good memories."

Katie Nelson/The Shakerite
Senior Meredith Jones (6) sets up a spike for junior Inshira Grimes (4), as Ariel Heilbron (3) anticipates the play. The Raiders are currently 12-2 and are a strong second in the LEL.